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(Alexandria, Monroe, Shreveport)

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Maggie Generoso (L)	Kayla Lemmons (L)	Chris Yates (C)
Edna Hall (L)	Melinda Lyons (L)	

District Committee on Ordained Ministry:

Joseph Awotwi (C)	Andy Goff (C)	Wybra Price, II (C)
Lottie Bash (L)	Derrick Hills (C)	Jean Sanders (C)
Ramonalyn Bethley (C)	Bill Hunt (L)	Rich Varner (L)*
Mark Bray (C)	Connie Mallory (L)	Jane Watts (C)
Lindy Broderick (C)	Monica Monk (C)	Gary Willis (C)
Gene Bryson, III (C)	RB Moore (C)	

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(Baton Rouge, New Orleans)

District Leadership Team:

Lay Leader – Libby Shackelford (L)
 Young Adult Ministries – Charles Green (L)
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 Daughenbaugh Matheny Scholarship Representative – Nick Harris (L)
 Superintendency – Katie Glass (C)
 Youth Ministries – Connor Dean (L)
 Church & Location – Wesley Young (L)
 Finance – Bradley Swire (C)
 Religion & Race/Ethnic Local Church Concerns – Eugene Boger (C)
 Trustees – *TBS*
 Members – Kathleen Conrad (L), Marilyn Roberts (L), Latrice Mallard (C), *TBS Youth*

District Committee on Ordained Ministry:

Chair – Kennon Pickett (C)

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Class of 2025:

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 Drew Sutton (C)
 Flora Villere (L)
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Class of 2026:

Lane Cotton Winn (C)
 Libby Shackelford (L)
 Irvin Boudreaux (C)

Class of 2027:

Tiffanie Postell (C)
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Nominations:

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Libby Shackelford (Lay Leader)	Fred Neal (L)	Ed Shanklin (L)

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 Associate Lay Leader – Shayna Sonnier
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 Laraine Waughtal (C)

Class of 2025:

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Class of 2026:

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Nominations:

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 Lay Leader – Angie Comeaux
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Laity:

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Clergy:

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Rev. Marissa Horvath

Rev. Karli Pidgeon

Rev. Matt Rawle

Rev. Katie McKay Simpson

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Mr. John Fredrick Smith

Mr. L. Nettles Brown

Mrs. Susie Cox

Mr. Adam Philley

Mrs. Margaret Washington

DAILY PROCEEDINGS:

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

CLERGY SESSION

Wesley United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, LA

6:00 pm

Bishop Delores J. Williamston, presiding
As an act of worship, please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Mrs. Judy Price

Call to Order

Bishop: We are called and set apart by God
for representative ministry in the world.

Clergy: **We are sent to declare the love and grace of God
among the people of Louisiana and beyond.**

Bishop: As we gather for this annual Conference
let us affirm our faith that God is with us.

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Prayer

Rev. Johnathan C. Richardson

A Word from the Bishop

Bishop Delores J. Williamston

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph

Offertory

Mrs. Judy Price

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

Business of the Clergy Session – Part II of the Business of the Annual Conference report, “Pertaining to the Ordained and Licensed Clergy”, Disciplinary Questions 13-51, were presented by members of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Corrections, deletions, and additions were made to the Clergy Session printed report and noted by Rev. Kathy Fitzhugh, BOM Secretary, for printing in the 2024 Conference Journal. Bishop Williamston conducted the elections and votes as necessary. Rev. Fitzhugh recorded the election results.

The Clergy Session also considered the following parts of the Business of the Annual Conference report: Part III “Certification in Specialized Ministry” questions 53-57; Part IV “Assigned Lay Members” question 58; Part V “Diaconal Ministers” questions 59-66; and Part VI “Appointments and Concluding Business” questions 67-74. Bishop Williamston conducted the votes as necessary and Rev. Fitzhugh recorded the results.

Closing Hymn

A Charge to Keep I Have

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The offering today will assist the Louisiana Conference Ministers Emergency Fund.

We want to express our appreciation to Rev. Karl Klaus for serving as our song leader and to Mrs. Judy Price for serving as the pianist for worship.

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

OPENING WORSHIP

Hilton Hotel Capitol Center Riverview Ballroom
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church began its first full day at approximately 8:30 am with highly energized music performed by the Contemporary Worship Band of Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge. Musical selections were: “You Got To Move”, “My Feet Are On The Rock”, and “We Worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah”.

Bishop Williamston welcomed all clergy and lay delegates, as well as guests, to the 2024 Annual Conference. With the mat that she “picked-up” and left with at the conclusion of the 2023 Annual Conference, she reminded all that we have now been called to keep “Moving Forward with HOPE”. Bishop Williamston began the procession of those participating in the Opening Worship Service, as the band lead the conference in singing “There is Joy in The House of The Lord”.

The Opening Worship Liturgy, written by Mrs. Britney Winn Lee, focused on the theme of “Moving Forward with HOPE”.

Mr. John Fredrick Smith: *Clergy and laity of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, siblings in mission and colleagues in motion, advocates of another possible world and of news that is too good to keep to ourselves, innovators of faith, igniters of hope, and incarnates of love, you who have stayed—stayed willing, stayed ready, stayed trusting that the movement of grace still matters, that this moment in grace still matters, friends and family:*

*Seasons have passed since we last gathered.
You have journeyed deeper into the valleys and mountains of life;
you have become more of who you are becoming in God and with your neighbor.*

*You have seen some things.
You have known joy and struggle.
You have been loved and cheered on over these short and long months.*

ALL: Let us now look around at one another and know that we are with people whose stories are more than they were last June.

Mr. Smith: Now turn to your right toward the right side of the room.

Rev. Rosemary LaFontaine: *We give thanks to our God, the source of our creativity, for inspiring us and infusing us with all that we need. Though things are changing, the steadfast love of God is being poured out by the Holy Spirit upon us as the body of Christ.
Will you repeat after me: within this body is our rebuilding.*

ALL: Within this body is our rebuilding.

Rev. LaFontaine: *Now take a moment to imagine that rebuilding. What is God’s dream for the world, for all of you in this space, and for our churches being the body of Christ given for the world? Now as you are able, turn right towards the back of the room.*

Rev. Charles Green: *As the world is changing, life seemingly unstable, our future uncertain and we feel constantly on the move, we pause and give thanks to Jesus Christ, the author of our story, for reviving us and inviting us into a better world.
Will you repeat after me: within this body is our story.*

ALL: Within this body is our story!

Rev. Green: *Now take a moment to reflect on that story. Who came before us? What traditions have brought us to this moment? What goodness have we known together? How has God been faithful through the ages in our shared mission? Now as you are able, turn right toward the other side of the room.*

Mrs. Brenda Danzell: *And we give thanks to the Holy Spirit, the sustainer of our ministry, for calling us and guiding us to this place and time.
Will you repeat after me: within this body is our hope.*

ALL: Within this body is our hope!

Mrs. Danzell: *Now take a moment to make space for this hope. What if change is right around the corner? What if we are indeed becoming something new and needed? What if there is reason to celebrate as hope moves us forward?
Now as you are able, turn right one last time toward the front.*

Mr. Smith: *Listening, moving, turning and adapting we give thanks for you, O Holy One, for the journey you have led us on, bringing us through last year's Annual Conference, this year's General Conference, and now into this very moment. We are at a historic and important time in our shared United Methodist history.
Will you repeat after me: within this body is our future.*

ALL: Within this body is our future

Mr. Smith: *Are we ready to move forward with it?*

ALL: *By God's grace, make it so!*

ALL: Change had found us, but then hope did as well.
And as change impacts our ministry and lives,
Hope finds us with God's love for all.
Thank you, Lord. Thank you, all who live in this hope.

Mr. Smith: *Hope finds us in children saying grace and college students asking questions,
In prayer and study and worship with communities living out the Sermon on the Mount,
In eager confirmands and justice-advocating servants,
In clergy and laity who are adapting, by grace, with creativity,
In colleagues and friends who offer imagination and support,
In unsuspecting collaboration and invaluable connection,
In our scriptures and traditions, our reason and experience,
In dry bones that rattle and life that bursts forth from tombs,
In the voice of a children rising up above the congregation,
Saying:*

Master C.J. Green & Miss Willow Sutton: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*

Rev. LaFontaine: *In humility and grace, we approach this space once again or maybe for the first time, with love as our template for **all** that lies before us.*

Rev. Green: *There is a dream that God still has for this world.
There is a dream that God still has for our conference.
There is a dream that God still has for our congregations and our neighborhoods.
There is a dream that God still has for the people called United Methodists.*

Mrs. Danzell: *We remember the feeling of being raised from the mat for such a time as this.*

ALL: Now we ask, “What is it you would have us do with resurrection?”

Mr. Smith: *You’ve met us here beside the waters where our healing lies within reach.
You’ve invited us to reflect: Do we want to be made well? Do we want the restoration that is possible? Do we want to, by God, be made new, even in unconventional ways and days? Might we consider how we’ve made a home in the hurt and become curious about all that already is within us to stand again?*

ALL: Healing is our inheritance. May we rise and run to it!

Rev. LaFontaine: *Tune us into your master narrative, O Spirit.*

Rev. Green: *Bind us together as we journey toward that which no eye has seen and no ear has heard.*

Mrs. Danzell: *Grant us the kind of hope that can move forward, that we may lead with authenticity and joy, for the best days are before us.*

Mr. Smith: *Up ahead, there is suffering to relieve,*

Rev. LaFontaine: *ideas to hatch and nourish,*

Rev. Green: *purpose to empower,*

Mrs. Danzell: *systems to reimagine,*

Mr. Smith: *prophecies to fulfill,*

Rev. LaFontaine: *oppression to cease,*

Rev. Green: *communities to build,*

Mrs. Danzell: *disciples to make,*

Mr. Smith: *burial cloths to unbind,*

Rev. LaFontaine: *grief to aerate,*

Rev. Green: *compost piles to believe in,*

Mrs. Danzell: *delight to magnify,*

ALL: *and people...people...people to love!*

What hope! What joy!

*Make us more open than closed, more trusting than suspicious, and more hopeful than fearful,
that we may answer it faithfully throughout these next three days and all the ones to come*

ALL: Amen.

The Worship Band along with Rev. Greaselda Bickham, lead the Conference in singing “I Worship You”

Rev. JoAnne Pounds spoke to the Conference concerning those with disabilities who are present, and those who were unable to be present because of a disability.

Good morning. As we gathered for worship this morning, we turned in each direction of the room and saw people of all shapes and sizes. We saw people of different hues and different backgrounds. We came from north and south, east and west, across bayous and rivers and through forests. We came to gather in worship.

As we looked around this morning, who did you see? Who did you hear? Who did you not see? Who did you not hear? According to the Center for Disease Control, 27% of people in the United States are directly touch by disabilities. For those of us for whom math is not our favorite thing,

that is about 1 in 4. So, there are people in this room with disabilities. Some of them we don't see; some of them we do see.

There are also people who are called to be in this room, but who are not in this space right now, and we are called to work alongside as their "way makers". This morning's offering goes to the Disabilities Ministries Committee of the United Methodist Church to help make a way. I don't know if you have been there, but one day, I didn't have enough coffee and enough sleep. I fell and broke my ankle. All of a sudden, I could not make my way as I had before, and on Ash Wednesday, one of my favorite days of the church year, I didn't receive ashes. Why?...because I couldn't make my way to the front of that worship space.

Friends, we need hearts to change. We need spaces to change. One of the ways we make that happen is through grants. Grants can help change facilities so that every person can go to the front of the worship space, to receive communion, or to have ashes imposed on them. Friends, we need grants so that the people who are called to ministry, who are a part of that 1 in 4, have their space on the Chancel area, and their space behind the alter table. We are called to work alongside God as those "waymakers".

In a few minutes, our ushers will come forward to take up a traditional offering, but we also have our Annual Conference app – The Guidebook, where you can make your offering online.

I can tell you that having served churches of various sizes and various budgets that even a small gift can make a large difference. A couple of inches off a doorway can allow someone into a worship space that they could never enter before. A few dollars, or whatever God is calling you to give, from you or from your church, can help open those spaces. It can allow people to roll through those doors. It can allow people to access websites that work with braille displays. It can make videos accessible to people who cannot hear with captions. Friends, let us work beside God making a way for all of us.

Rev. Pounds offered a prayer, and as the offering was being collected, the Praise Band played "I Will Sing of the Goodness of God".

God, we thank you for keeping us safe on ways here – from north and south and east and west; across bayous and rivers – to gather in this place. God, we pray that what we offer to you today will help make a way in our hearts to recognize that every person is created in your image. May it help make a way in our worship spaces, restrooms, and chancel areas, for people to be able to be who You have called them to be. God, speak to us. Speak through us, through all of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bishop Williamston, with her usual greeting of "God is good, all the time; and, all the time, God is good", was moved by the Offertory hymn, and spoke of how she felt the spirit of her mother during this time. She told of the difficulties she encountered in getting her mother into places that were hard, so the offering will help to make those "hard places" more accessible to everyone. Bishop Williamston then welcomed Rev. Karen Jeffcoate and Mr. Eduardo Bousson, both from the Great Plains Conference, to the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. Bishop Williamston then called for the Passing of the Peace.

Mrs. Jennifer Swann, Conference Lay Leader, asked all to stand for the reading of the Gospel, John 5: 1-18.

The Scripture reading was followed by the singing of, "As I Went Down to the River to Pray".

Bishop Williamston began her Opening Worship sermon by inviting all to hear the words from a hymn called "Leave It There" –

*If your body suffers pain,
And your health you can't regain,
And your soul is almost sinking in despair.
Jesus knows the pain you feel
He can save, and he can heal*

Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there!

She then went on,

This morning, I want us to take a moment, use our imaginations, and consider this place, this room at the Hilton Hotel in Baton Rouge, our Bethsaida or House of Mercy, where there is a pool of healing....

It is a place where Jesus has entered at the sheep's gate, and he sees us and asks us individually and collectively like he asked that man who laid on his mat for 38 years...Do we want to get well?/healthy?

Do we want to get healthy as a community of faith, as disciples of Jesus Christ, and as the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church? Let us pray.

In our Gospel lesson, we encounter Jesus entering Jerusalem during a Jewish festival on the Sabbath day (a day of no work).

Jesus enters at the Sheep's Gate, on the northern side of the city, where the sheep are brought and prepared for temple sacrifice/slaughter...

Inside the gate is Bethsaida, interpreted as the House of Mercy, there are five porches near a healing pool.

Lying on the porches are numerous people...invalids, who are blind, lame, and paralyzed and suffer from other crippling conditions.

...maybe some suffer from the things we do... like cancers, diabetes, heart disease, mental illness, Covid, the flu, infections, heart disease, auto-immune diseases, high blood pressure and cholesterol, fiber myalgia, MS, ALS, Parkinson's, and such,

They wait for the waters to be stirred by a heavenly messenger...and whoever gets into the pool first when it is stirred will be made well from their condition!

Jesus sees all the people at this outdoor hospital,

And he sees a man...who had been there 38 years! Think about it.

38 years y'all is a long time....(nearly 2 generations if count by 20's)

Yet, Jesus said to the man:

*"Are you here in this place hoping to get healed?
Do you want to get well? Or healthy?"*

The man did not answer Jesus with a Yes or a No...But explained to Jesus that every time I get close to the pool...someone else gets in before me.

"I tried to get there with my toe, finger, and forehead...and I needed someone to put me in the pool...but...

And I can't get in my Uber or Lyft fast enough to get into the water before someone else jumps in ahead of me."

Though the man makes a good argument as to why he cannot get to the pool to get healed...Jesus does not engage the man's excuses.

Jesus said three simple things to the man:

Get up. Pick your mat. And walk!

That is, Jesus issued him three simple rules...

Get up. Pick up your mat. And walk!

Immediately, scripture says...in that moment... the man...

Stood up. He picked up his mat. And walked! On the Sabbath!

We'd think this miraculous event was a win for Jesus' ministry or for the whole community... but it was not!

The reaction from the religious leaders –was instant and critical.

It was the Sabbath...and the oral tradition says no carrying anything or working on the Sabbath....

The religious leaders in the story do not care that the man is healed.

They cared more about the Sabbath...forgetting the Sabbath was made for humans and not humans for the Sabbath... in other words...the Sabbath was to be a blessing, not a chore/not a burden...

"Sir, sir,Why are you carrying your mat on the Sabbath?"

"Well, a man—this guy... told me to stand up, pick up my mat, and walk...and so I did..... "

The religious leaders wanted to know who told him that...

They didn't make that decision to allow him to carry his mat. No one cleared it with them...

"Who's telling you to break the Sabbath...?"

Whoever it is... they don't have the authority/or the right to decide, on the Sabbath... "

The religious leaders failed to see the miracle before them and the blessing the man received on the Sabbath to walk...they missed the whole point...of healing on the Sabbath.

Later Jesus finds the man in the temple, saying to him.... "I see, you are made well...don't keep doing what you were doing before...or something more serious/worse could happen to you... "

The man realizes it was Jesus that made him well...

And he went and told the religious leaders that it was Jesus...

And the religious leaders began to persecute/criticize and harass...Jesus...

They became hostile towards him...because he broke the perceived Sabbath rules...

Yet, Jesus was not worried about their criticisms or hostility towards him... ..

... Jesus had no fear of them... and said to them...in verse 17

"My Father is still working, and I am also working!" (enough said)

Do we want to be made well?

Let me share a brief thought – Believe it or not----

But there are some maybe in our lives, families, friends, spouses, or significant others....

Who do not want to be made well or get well....or healthy?

... and would prefer to stay on their mat or a mat for another 38 or 52 years...

*And we can assume it is a person's prerogative... like Bobby Brown...
(it's my prerogative to do what I want to do)*

Even if we are told by a doctor...what it will take to become well...

Or to get healthy....

We need to go to a doctor...., but if we don't want to, we don't have to...

If we do go to the doctor, and they prescribe medicines to make us better or healthier, and they tell us the things we need to do... to get better..... we don't have to do what the doctor tells us... we can remain on our mats...

*No one can make us do anything...
Don't tell me what to do...*

It is our right to decide if we want to be healed/ well/ healthy...

*I don't have to get that prescription filled...
I'm not going to no doctor...
Or we'll reschedule the appointment until the cows come home...*

*And in postponing, we become worse....
... and before you know it, 38 years later, 52 years later
And we are still in the same place*

We'll see someone, and they don't look well... and we ask, are you okay... you look tired...worn out...Your limping ...

*But they/we say... "I'm fine, I am good, I'm okay, I like this situation I am in... I don't need saving or helping... or I'm good.... Maybe another day.... I don't have time for all that... church stuff, or doctoring. I'm just too busy.... I got other things to do....
I like my condition.... I want to be this way... I relish the condition I'm in."*

In 2004, I remember not being 100 percent...tired, exhausted...

So in 2005, I promised God in my 2nd year of seminary... I would take care of myself...after I graduated,... that would be two years later

After Seminary in 2007,....My health was bad....

and guess what...I did not do... keep my promise...to God.

It was in the fall of 2008...as I was having dinner at church. I told the church Lay Leader that I was exhausted/tired and didn't feel good. (Bishop Williamston laid on the floor).

He said... 'so take Sunday off and get some rest!'

I said... "Well, I can't do that... I have to preach in the morning."

He said, 'You have others who can fill in....you are not the only one who can preach. If you don't take care of yourself, you cannot expect others to either.'

In a no-nonsense way... his words were hard and clear... so I said I'd consider that...

So, as I drove home down Crawford Street, my heart physically did a strange thump...you know, the scary kind of thump! I thought, is this a heart attack?

.... And I was exhausted like nothing before....

So, I drove myself to the House of Mercy ---- Salina Regional Hospital....

I checked into ER.... And said, 'I think I'm having a heart attack!'

Immediately, they put me in a room, drew some blood, performed various heart tests and monitored my heart.

A bit later, the doctor – came to ask me this question

'Do you have sick cell anemia?'

I said no....

He said, 'I have never seen this before with someone living...but your hemoglobin is a 3... and we're going to check it again.'

The cure... six units of blood....

But it wasn't over....

Two months later...four more units....and surgery later....

Do you want to get well?

But to get well.... I had to attend to the things the doctor prescribed.

I had to attend to the hard things about my health: being overweight, sleep apnea, high blood pressure, and diabetes....

All of it, and every three months, I still have to draw blood, check my A1C, cholesterol, iron, and all that other stuff...The doctor gave me a blood pressure monitor that reports directly to the doctor... so they know if I'm not taking my High Blood pressure medicines. All this is so I can be healthy....

Do we want to get well/healthy?

You see, sometimes we have to get off the proverbial mat/ get out of a comfortable position to reposition ourselves for health and wellness as a people and as a church...

Do we want to get well? Healthy?

For over 17 years, I have battled anemia, cancer, high blood pressure, and a lifetime of battling weight... and still, there are some failures, but also some successes over time... with improvements still to go...

Do we want to get well?/Healthy?

You see, to get well, as a church or a conference, we will need to attend to the things that get us to health and wellness....

There is Hope!...

Let me get off this mat....

I stand before y'all...

To say... we still have time to get up and pick up our mats and walk!

We do not have to go to the water for healing...

We can go directly to Jesus, whose healing is Immediate and total.

Do we want to get well?

Louisiana Conference of the UMC, are we ready to get well/healthy; to make a difference in the places we live?

Are we ready to stay focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

As we launch a working vision to build, connect, and equip in the Louisiana Conference, we can get well by...

Building an organizational structure that fits and is unique to the Louisiana Conference ... that is nimble and flexible to our current needs, as we grow stronger as a conference....

And by building a culture of invitation/hospitality and empowerment for the ministries of the Local Church...

And building a strong Wesleyan witness in the hard places as we continue to strategically equip our churches, laity, who are 99% of the Church...and clergy who are leading in a new frontier of the church.

Building strong churches, regardless of whether a church is black, white, multi-cultural, progressive, conservative, or somewhere in between... and whether a church is small, large, or mid-sized... urban or rural...

Do we want to get well? –

By connecting to each other in ministry, we ensure there is a place for everyone... and that no one is made to feel less valued than another person...

And by connecting and developing networks with our sister churches and ministries so we can learn from one another

So we can connect with our neighbors and those who may be culturally/ethnically different.

But, we can decide to agree on what we have in common: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Amen...who, as his Father, is still working; Jesus is still working, too!

And so shall we... keep working...

As we connect to those in our communities... in great need of food, we address the lack of education and health care and medical deserts in rural and urban places.

Do we want to get well?

We have to be ready... and, therefore, must equip ourselves...

We are called to equip ourselves for the journey ahead...by training laity and clergy and offering opportunities to train trainers in our own houses. We have the gifts... and God is calling on willing people...to serve...and lend their expertise...

Now here is the thing...we must remember.... There will be criticisms of the leadership from the denomination, the conference, the local church, and the community.

*Hey, y'all.... Jesus was criticized...
and we are not above Jesus...
so get ready to get criticized...
we can expect criticism...
individually and corporately...*

Some critics will have a word or paragraphs and have something to say about breaking the rules or the law right...

But maybe we can learn something from that quote by Theodore Roosevelt as well... that – widely used by many... That says this in-part....

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."
(Theodore Roosevelt)*

In other words, do we want to get well? Healthy?

*As we move forward with a vision in the Louisiana Conference to build, connect, and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for the future, we must practice Jesus's three simple rules...
Get Up. Pick up your Mat. And walk!*

We must seek the best ways to build in our communities, learn how to connect in relationships and equip and train, train, train.

We do not have time not to get well or healthy....

As the Steve Miller Band sings...

Time keeps on slippin, slippin, slippin into the future...

The words of the song are prophetic....

*Feed the babies who don't have enough to eat
Shoe the children with no shoes on their feet
House the people; living in the streets
Oh, oh, there's a resolution.*

And y'all, I say the resolution is the Church....

*We have what we need to get healthy,
Life is moving forward... and so is the church....
In which Jesus Christ is Head of the Church....*

Do we want to get well?

*So we can be the church- well and healthy... to
feed the babies, shoe the children, and house the people.*

*As we keep moving forward with hope....
Yes, there are more complicated things to do/more challenging conversations to have....
Sabbath laws to break or relax....*

Because the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life....(we want life)

And life is found in Jesus Christ....

*Whatever we do or say y'all after this week... we still have to keep moving forward with Hope.
Don't ever give up on Hope.*

So let us.... (Jesus's three simple rules)

*Get Up.
Pick up your mats.
And walk!*

Healthy, well, and whole as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Do we want to get well? Healthy?

Let us pray....



As the Alter Table was prepared for Communion, the Worship Band led the Conference in singing "There is a Balm in Gilead".

Bishop Williamston and Rev. Lindy Broderick, Chaplain, Centenary College, led the congregation in the Service of Holy Communion using the Great Thanksgiving. Bishop Williamston then invited those participating in the serving of Communion, to come forward and receive the elements. She then gave instructions to the congregation on how to partake of the elements. The band performed "Jesus is Calling, Come to the Alter", "Through It All, My Eyes are On You", and "Cornerstone" during this time.

Bishop Williamston offered a prayer after the receiving of Communion, followed by the closing hymn, "Marching to Zion", as the benediction and recessional.

BREAK

LAITY SESSION

Hilton Hotel Capitol Center Riverview Ballroom
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Opening Music

Welcome/Call to order- Bishop Williamston

Mr. John Smith- Mission Statement

- As a conference board, we are called to love and serve all God's people in all places and at all times.
- Celebrating Lay ministries and encouragement to continue those ministries, such as Lay Servant Ministry, Certified Lay Ministry, and Para-professional Certification

Election of New Officers – Mrs. Jennifer Swann

- Officers
 - Chair: John Smith
 - Associate Lay Leader: Suzie Cox
 - Secretary: Chris Nolan
 - Treasurer: Jean Kamla
 - Lay Servant Ministry Chair: Natalie Cooper
 - Daughenbaugh-Matheny Scholarship: Rhonda Whitley
- Jurisdictional Conference Lay delegates:
 - Primarily there to connect with other lay leaders
 - Nominations are John Smith and Susie Cox as delegates
- Elections passed unanimously

Daughenbaugh-Matheny Scholarship Offering – Ms. Rhonda Whitley

- Creation of Daughenbaugh Matheny scholarship in 1987
- For UMC students that plan to attend Centenary or Dillard
- Offering collected - \$1536.00.

Connectional Time - Mrs. Jennifer Swann

- Divide into Groups based on geographic area
 - North- Monroe, Shreveport, Alexandria
 - Southwest- Lake Charles-Acadiana
 - Southeast- Baton Rouge, New Orleans
- Divide into groups of 5 to discuss the following questions:
 - The book of discipline defines our UMC connection as a vital web of interconnected relationships. In what ways have you or your congregations experienced life-giving relationships with United Methodist outside your congregation?
 - Our Book of Discipline calls the United Methodist Connection global in scope and local in thrust.* What are some ways that the connection has or could have “thrust” in your area?
* *Definition of Thrust: 1) a push in a specified direction; or 2) a propulsive force as with a jet or rocket engine.*
 - As we rebuild and tend local lay networks, what do you or your church need from lay leadership in your area?
- Mrs. Jennifer Swann collected the answers from each group.

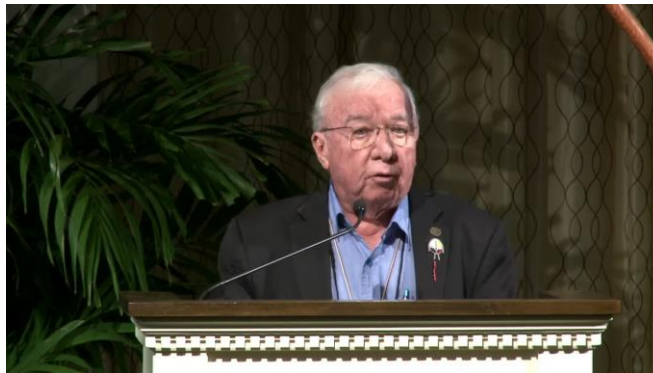
Mrs. Swann asked Ms. Jessica Trahan, campus minister at UL-Lafayette, to offer a closing prayer. Mrs. Swann then called on incoming Lay Leader, Mr. John F. Smith to offer closing remarks. He reminded all to “remember the goodness of God so that others around us can find hope and light”. Mrs. Margaret Washington, elected Lay Delegate to General Conference came forward to recognize Mrs. Swann for her years of serving as Conference Lay Leader and Chair of the Board of Laity. The Laity Session closed with the singing of “I Love to Tell the Story” and “Ahuna Ya Tswanang Le Jesu”.

LUNCH BREAK

PLENARY SESSION I

The afternoon session began at approximately 1:30 pm with the Worship Band from Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge opening with “I Am a Child of Love”, and “Your Love Never Fails”.

Bishop Williamston officially called the Annual Conference to order, and invited Rev. Cyril “Kirby” Verret, Clanton Chapel UMC and member of the Houma Indian Nation, to offer a Native American blessing and acknowledgement of the land upon which the Hilton Hotel now stands. Rev. Verret began by singing “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord” in both Cajun French and English. Rev. Verret then welcomed everyone to Baton Rouge (Red Stick), one the original territories of the Houma Indians marked by “red sticks” or poles. Rev. Verret then offered this Louisiana Indian Prayer, written by himself, Mrs. Janie Luster, and Mrs. Corine Paulk:



O Great Spirit, Creator God – Out of Mother Earth, all living begins - creatures, plants and animals - are brought to life by your gift of breath.

For the sun and the moon, the bayous, rivers, swamps, water, food, work and rest, we offer our thanksgiving.

And as we watch Mother Earth change her garments, may we be ever gentle as we walk on her soft, downy skirt or on her flower-fragrant dress.

We are brothers and sisters in one with you, O Great Spirit, Creator God. Let us do for one another as you have done unto us. As we come and go from this earth, may we leave this earth a better place.

May we be a blessing to the whole community brought forth by your sacred hands. May we be a blessing to our friends, old and new, those with us, and those who have gone to be with You, O Great Spirit, Creator God. May we be a blessing to ourselves as we seek your truth, happiness, and the path that leads to long life.

Now, with sunrise feet, may we walk from each dawn knowing: Before us it is Blessed. Behind us it is Blessed. Below us it is Blessed. Above us it is Blessed. Around us it is Blessed.

Our speech, our eyes, our hearts are blessed as we set out to fulfill your vision of a just and peaceful world.

With beauty before us, with beauty behind us, with beauty below us, with beauty above us, with beauty around us, we set out for a Holy place indeed. Amen.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, Conference Secretary to present the following opening motions:

I move the following:

That beginning Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., the floor of the Baton Rouge Hilton, Capitol Center's Riverview Ballroom, excluding the back 2 rows, but inclusive of the stage, be designated as the Bar of the Conference, and that only voting members and approved guests are to sit in this area; and that from Wednesday, June 12, 2024, when the Riverview Ballroom opens until after the conclusion of Annual Conference, access to the bar may be restricted to voting delegates only;

That the Roll Call of the Annual Conference shall consist of those members who have collected their credentials provided by the Conference Secretary;

That the schedule printed in the Pre-Conference Report and supplements, be the agenda for the Annual Conference Session and that the Bishop be empowered to make changes to the agenda as necessary to complete the business of the Conference;

That any printed material intended for distribution to the Annual Conference session be cleared through the Conference Secretary prior to distribution;

Finally, that any report or material contained within the Pre-conference Report and its supplements, that has not been presented on the conference floor, be considered as accepted and adopted.

The motions were placed before the Conference; Bishop Williamston called for the vote; the motions passed. For clarification, Rev. Dr. Dolph gave an overview of the use of the voting cards. As they are not necessary to cast a vote (a raised hand will also be considered as a vote), they do act as a good visual aid in determining the passage or failure of a motion.

Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Katrena King, Conference Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness (DEI) Strategist. Rev. King introduced herself from the floor microphone in a way that will help with keeping statistics for DEI work. She asked that each speaker identify themselves with the following information: name, clergy or laity, church, district, gender, and ethnicity/race. Rev. King will report on the DEI statistics each day.

Rev. Van Stinson had a few announcements to make at this time:

- 1) If you have announcements, prayer concerns, celebrations, or acknowledgements, please put them in writing and bring to front table or give to a HOPE volunteer
- 2) Rev. Jeff Duke, RE, has been placed in hospice care
- 3) Rev. Kip Shuford, Associate Pastor at FUMC, Baton Rouge having surgery today
- 4) Mrs. Carol Foreman, surviving spouse of Rev. Brady Foreman is having surgery.

Bishop Williamston asked for prayers for the family and friends of Rev. Dr. James M. Lawson – civil rights activist, friend of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, and a United Methodist minister – who passed away June 9, 2024 at the age of 95. Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Jan Curwick to offer a prayer for the above voiced concerns.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Brady Whitton to present the report of the Episcopacy Committee. Rev. Whitton, as chair of the committee, invited all members of the committee to join him on stage to be recognized. Those in attendance were: Mrs. Pattye Hewitt, Rev. Derrick Hills, Mr. Tom McNamara, Ms. Olivia Pruitt, Rev. Drew Sutton, Mrs. Jennifer Swann, and Mrs. Margaret Washington (Ms. Beth DeVille, and Rev. Fred Wideman were absent). The report of the Episcopacy Committee can be found on page 160 of the Pre-Conference Report, and the duties of the Episcopacy Committee are outlined in the Book of Discipline ¶637. Mrs. Hewitt presented Bishop Williamston with a gift basket to celebrate her eighteenth (18) month of leadership as Bishop of the Louisiana Conference. Rev. Derrick Hills offered a prayer for Bishop Williamston and all Conference leaders. This concluded the report from the Episcopacy Committee.



Bishop Williamston then began her Episcopal Address.

God is good all the time, and all the time, God is Good!

It is an honor to serve in the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church!

And, here we are again, coming together in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for Annual Conference 2024, where our theme is...Moving Forward with HōPE!

Since last year's annual conference, the road forward has had its challenges, yet, as the Apostle Paul wrote to encourage the Philippians 3:14

...there is...one thing I do/or we can do, that is: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ...so that...I/we can press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called /us/we/you/me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

*Louisiana Conference, we are pressing on to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus with all HōPE!
Amen!*

So, as we gather here this afternoon and these next couple days... at the sheep's gate where Jesus entered Jerusalem... and as we sit at our own Bethsaida or House of Mercy by the healing pool....

For the next several minutes, I invite us to ...ponder the question Jesus asked the man who had been on his mat for 38 years...as the United Methodist Church has been on a mat for 52 years....Do we want to get well? Do we want to get healthy?

General Conference

As we know, approximately six weeks ago, the long-awaited postponed and now historic 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church was held in downtown Charlotte, North Carolina, from April 23 to May 3, 2024.

General Conference is made up of delegates elected by annual and central conference members around the world and, is the only entity that can speak for the United Methodist Church (denomination) which typically meets every four years. (unless there is a pandemic!).

The recent General Conference was and is a historic moment in the life of the United Methodist Church through the witness of over 765-seated delegates from Europe, Africa, the United States, and the Philippines. These delegates came together to approve or reject over 1000 pieces of legislation submitted from individuals, churches, annual conferences, and United Methodist boards, agencies, committees.

These elected delegates acted upon major legislation.

First: Regionalization

Delegations approved legislation at 78% that supports the regionalization of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. This represents the efforts to place the United Methodist Church in different geographical and contextual regions on equal footing. It aims to make the General Conference less United States-centric or centered. Regionalization of the United Methodist Church allows annual conferences in the United States to have the same authority as central conferences. Though the legislation passed, there is still work to do to amend the United Methodist Constitution; this action must be ratified by at least two-thirds of annual and central conferences worldwide. Further educational resources are being gathered in the Louisiana Conference to ensure members are well informed so that you are prepared to cast your vote at the 2025 Annual Conference.

Second: Removal of Harmful language from the Book of Discipline

Delegates voted by an overwhelming majority to remove discriminatory language and bans from the UM Book of Discipline that harm those who identify as LGBTQ persons. This harmful and harm-filled language began at the 1972 General Conference. Before 1972 or Pre-1972, the Methodist Book of Discipline contained no such language. Delegates voted to remove restrictive, harmful language and penalties that have severed relationships and ostracized groups of people from fully participating in the life of the United Methodist Church.

... the removal of bans on ordination, language of incompatibility, chargeable offenses aimed at clergy and churches who have held services of same-sex persons, and the removal of prohibitions to help educate on issues of homosexuality were accomplished at this historic 2020 General Conference.

The removal of these things resets the United Methodist Book of Discipline back to a 'neutral/unbiased place,' where no one person or group of people are singled out or discriminated against because they identify as LGBTQ. But hear this: We must have hearts of care at this time and as we move forward. We are to remember to be mindful and compassionately acknowledge the deep harm and pain words such as "incompatibility" have caused for our LGBTQIA+ children, siblings, friends, and their families. We are to compassionately remember that the United Methodist Church still holds space/room for different opinions for clergy, laity, our churches, and neighbors to make their own informed contextual decisions based on their own consciences without shame or retribution. And we are called to take the high road... and do no more harm to God's children because we are ALL Children of God. Amen!

We have work to do, y'all! But do we want to get well/healthy?

Third: Delegates approved the first overhaul of the denomination's Social Principles in nearly 50 years.

The social principles are not church law but are intended to inform the United Methodist witness with a biblical and theological framework about what we believe together about the world around us. Our Social Principles address the importance of advocating for human dignity and combating racism and other threats.

These three, Regionalization, Removal of Harmful Language, and the Revised Social Principles were a tremendous undertaking and a collaborative effort of the delegates at the General Conference.

Do we want to get well? Healthy?

And there is more that happened at General Conference.

We have a historic first!

Bishop David Wilson, on April 25, Bishop of the Great Plains Conference, is the first Native American bishop to preside at General Conference.

Bishop Tracy S. Malone, on April 30, Bishop of the East Ohio Conference, is the first Black African American female president of the Council of Bishops!

Delegates approved a decrease in Apportionment calculation, and the general conference apportionment base rate of 3.29% was decreased to a base rate of 2.6% for the next two years from 2025 through 2026. Then from 2027 to 2028, it increases to 2.9%.

The General Conference approved a significantly reduced Budget of approximately \$373 million for the 2025-2028 quadrennium, a 43% reduction from past general conferences. This reduction speaks to the reality and the effects of COVID-19, disaffiliations, church closures, and other factors. Overall, Annual Conferences will be asked to pay less in apportionments.

Delegates approved other major actions such as:

- *Officially ended the Disaffiliation Policy*
- *Establishing and approving a Re-affiliation policy, including the words 'gender and ability' in paragraph 4 of the constitution to address the denomination's commitment to eradicating racism*

Again, the Louisiana Conference is committed to providing quality resources and education on amending the UM constitution to prepare you to vote at the 2025 Annual Conference.

Apologies were approved and issued to:

- *Victims and survivors of sexual misconduct by clergy and laypersons in the church.*
- *And delegates observed Thursday's in Black in recognition of the violence that is perpetrated against women around the world.*
- *An apology was issued for the role Methodists played in the overthrow of the kingdom of Hawaii in 1893.*

Deacons were approved to preside at the sacraments – Holy Communion and baptism -- in their appointments. (which begins...Jan 2025)

Approved renaming the Division on Ministries with Young People to the Young People's Connectional Network.

Approved a new Retirement Plan for clergy in the United States called Compass, effective in 2026.

Approved a full communion agreement with the Episcopal Church. If the Episcopal Church affirms the agreement,... we will share clergy.....

Approved adding two bishops for Africa, for a total of 15.

Approved reducing the number of U.S. bishops from 39 active to 32 –in the U.S.

They adopted a new Book of Resolutions.

Adopted a resolution condemning racial-ethnic discrimination and gender-based violence against Asian Americans.

Approved a resolution calling on United Methodist institutions to not invest in the government bonds of countries that have been cited by the U.N. Security Council or the International Criminal Court for prolonged military occupations.

Approved a motion to allow four (4) Eurasian conferences to leave the denomination to form an autonomous church.

And finally, General Conference celebrated Africa University; 200 years of the Methodist mission; the 100th anniversary of the United Methodist Building in Washington, D.C.; and the 80th anniversary of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

They elected new members to the Judicial Council, the denomination's top court. And elected trustees to the oldest United Methodist Church in the United States... John Street United Methodist Church in New York City,

We, the United Methodist Church, are on the move... We are moving forward into who God is calling us to be in a time such as now...

The United Methodist Church is not perfect, but Jesus Christ is!

And Jesus calls stand up, pick up our mats and walk with faith and HōPE! to make disciples of Jesus Christ to transform our Jerusalem's,....

Do we want to get well?

Hey, y'all, The Louisiana Annual Conference is filled with diverse groups of people.

From all backgrounds. Black, African, White, European, Latino, Asian, French, Creole, Cajun, Caribbean, Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Mid-Western, Straight/Gay/Queer, old, youth, middle-aged, we are factory workers, fishermen and women, homemakers, widows, oil workers, oyster shuckers, married and single and few spinsters to boot!

*...we live in town and city on or near the bayou...
we live in places where the river meanders by...*

All the waters that flow from nearly two-thirds of the United States flow down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico...

*We travel over bridges and elevated roads.
We have 60-foot tall pine trees and massive Live Oak trees...*

We travel the waterways of southern Louisiana to catch fresh fish and shrimp...Crawfish and catfish farms...

Louisiana has the unique story of Papa Noel, and it knows how to party, from Mardi Gras to Strawberry Festivals and spectacular Christmas lights...

And Louisiana has the spiciest food in the United States (I've been told it's just pepper/it's called 'seasoning/favor'! LOL)

And overall, y'all, there is a place for the United Methodist Church in Louisiana... and We have what we need... the talent, expertise, wisdom, experience, and back-story.... You name it, we have it....

So we must keep moving forward...and be the Church....

Now is the time this is the place... to embrace and live into a VISION in the Louisiana Conference...

To Build, Connect, and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for the future!

Someone may ask... well Bishop, How shall we Build, Connect, and Equip in the Louisiana Conference?

Building

First, we build upon God's word, as the Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4:11 that ...Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

We will build upon our Wesleyan witness and heritage as we root ourselves in Jesus Christ...

We will build upon our three simple rules—to do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God... by attending regular worship, Bible study, holy communion, and prayer, to name a few.

We will build a conference structure that is flexible, nimble, and adaptable as we lean into the Wimberly Report with a Strategic Organizational Team... strategically address and streamline our governance for the conference's future needs so that the members of the Annual Conference—you, churches, laity, and clergy... can focus on the essentials of making disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world.

By practicing and asking questions, we'll build a philosophy that aligns our vision with the purpose of the Annual Conference. Is what we do in church, district, conference, and community building, connecting, and equipping us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the future?

If not, we will reevaluate...so that what we do will make a difference, missionary-wise, and transform us, our neighborhoods, towns, cities, parishes, and systems to the glory of God.

Amen!

We will build transparent processes and communications that will move us forward.

We will create opportunities to examine the whole conference rather than just its parts to strengthen all our churches because all churches are vital... whether rural, urban, or somewhere in between...

All churches are vital, whether white, black, or multi-racial...

We will value the witness of all our churches ...

We have a lot to build...but do we want to get well?/healthy?

Connecting

Scripture reminds us: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 the body has many members and parts... For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

We'll connect by building relationships...

Connecting people, laity, and clergy in the Louisiana Conference to serve in various places using your gifts.

Connecting local United Methodist churches through networking opportunities to share resources and people.

We will connect to the United Methodist Church's connectional ministries locally, conference-wide, and jurisdictionally and to the general church ministries around the world...such as Discipleship Ministries, VIM, GCORR, Disability Ministries, GCOSROW, and GBGM...

We'll connect through worship opportunities and missions locally and beyond the local church and conference.

We'll initiate network jurisdictional opportunities such as the Lydia Patterson Institute and other opportunities that support the four missional priorities of the General Church of:

1. Overcoming Poverty Together

Such as addressing children/families in poverty in our neighborhoods –

2. Seeking Health and Wholeness for All

Such as addressing the systemic issues of food deserts

3. Leading where God Calls

Hearing the call to serve in and beyond the church to address systemic issues

4. Making New Disciples in New Places

Teaching ... in unique/innovative opportunities for others to know Jesus Christ and that, there is a place for all people. Picking up our Wesleyan Roots of Class meetings and Bands, and evangelism.

As the body of Christ, we are all connected....

Do we want to be made well? Healthy?

Equipping

Ephesians 6:10-18 The Whole Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; 11 put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,... Therefore take up the whole armor of God,... ..to stand firm. 14 Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness 15 and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these,[h] take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere....

We will equip ourselves to withstand all the things that are to come...

The Louisiana Conference's vision is committed to equipping church leaders, clergy, and laity for the future of the church.

Our vision is to provide a platform to train the trainers at the local level to strengthen laity and clergy in ministries such as:

Vital Congregations, Evangelism, Black Church Ministries, Lay Servant Ministries, Campus Ministries, Local Church training, Children and Youth ministries and models, Recruitment, Justice Ministry, Diversity training, Health ministries, LGBTQ resources, See all the People resources, How to have difficult conversations, Small is the New Big. Cross-Racial Cross-Cultural Training, Boundaries/Ethics training, Safe Sanctuaries, How to Build Networks. Community Collaborations, Innovation opportunities, SPRC training, Coaching, and leadership development...Building Teams...

There are a lot of things to do....but do we want to get well? Healthy?

We are called in The Louisiana Conference to be well/healthy/whole...

We have laid at the House of Mercy too long... 52 years

The water has been stirred... Jesus is at the House of Mercy....

We are called by Jesus to get up, take up our mats and walk on the Sabbath...

Three simple rules:

*Get up.
Take your mat.
Walk!*

Jesus said, I came to set the captive free... and who the Son sets free is free indeed.

We are called not to overthink or oversimplify.... But we are called to move....

You see, HōPE keeps moving no matter what an annual conference theme is from year to year....

HōPE calls us to keep watching, waiting, and working but never give up on HōPE.

The Church is alive...God is still working, and Jesus is also working... and so shall we keep working and hoping...

We are called to keep the faith and HōPE...

Now is the time; this is the place to keep our hand on the plow and hold on....

And we cannot plow forward while constantly trying to return to Egypt...

Do we want to be made well? Healthy?

If so, it will take time and focus.

Focus, to really get up and pick up our mats... And walk....

Look, nothing needs to be perfect to get started... we need to begin...

It will take doing away with disenchantment, discord, old attitudes, and excuses....

It will take energy to reengage the muscles to walk....

But we'll walk together...

There will be potholes, sinkholes, and criticisms on the way....but...

Remember, Jesus was not immune to criticism – from within his disciples or from the community....

Remember when... the religious leaders found out Jesus cured the man on the Sabbath day!....

They began to persecute and criticize Jesus because.... He was healing people on the Sabbath (outside the rules)!

*But, recall that quote from Theodore Roosevelt what he said about critics ----
His words are – widely used by many... in part....*

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Jesus said to the religious leaders...

"My Father is still working, and I am also working."

And so, this is what we are called to do...to keep working for our God in heaven is still working.

And our Savior, Jesus Christ, is working, too!

Do we want to get well/healthy?

Hey, the Louisiana Conference is resilient, and we are still here and going strong, filled with HōPE,

Local churches in the Louisiana Conference celebrated receiving a 20-25% reduction of apportionments in 2024 and 20% in 2025, which allowed churches to redirect resources to the mission field...

Churches are seeing growth in discipleship and ministry... from Lake Charles to New Orleans...from Cornerstone to Westlake....

We are praying daily at 4:24 for 2024.... Daily... And God is answering prayers!

In February, nearly 80 to 90 youths came to the confirmation retreat! God's spirit is moving...

And, all over the conference, there are HōPE sightings.

Youth and Adults going on mission trips and returning fired up! To lead worship.

St. Paul's in Monroe, in partnership with a small Black congregation, is seeing people attend church... families join..., and baptisms happen in small rural churches and all around...

In May of this year...the faithful laity in Ruston are planting a new church with a new pastor.

At the 2023 Annual Conference last year, out of a desire to help one church with air conditioning, several churches in need were blessed to receive help with air conditioning.

Laity and clergy are participating in Lay Servant Ministry training,

Candidates are attending Licensing School

The laity is answering the call to serve...

We will commission one provisional elder, ordain three Elders and one Deacon,

We will receive the Orders of an Elder from the AME church,

We will receive one Elder from the Mississippi Conference and one Elder from the North Texas Conference by transfer.

We have the blessing of retired clergy who are still hearing the call to serve God's people and are serving in the local churches to lead and offer their wisdom and time. God is still providing....

We are a conference on the move...and moving forward with HōPE!... to reset, reorganize, and reengage who we are as the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, following Jesus Christ, who is still working....

Do you want to get well/ Healthy?

Now, remember back in the fall of 2023...I asked many of you, 'What would the headlines say about the Louisiana Conference 5 years from now?'

Here are a few things you all said:

- *Fastest growing Conference in the United States*
- *Louisiana Conference starts five new churches*
- *United Methodists on the Greaux; everyone welcome at the table!*
- *Louisiana Conference on the Move Reclaims Movement Heritage*
- *Still united and standing on the promises*
- *Louisiana Conference; doing great things, making Wesley Proud*
- *We're back!*
- *A seat at the table for everyone!*
- *Growing in HōPE & reaching the world!*
- *United to stamp out children's hunger*
- *Reclaiming Wesleyan movement*

Do we want to get well? – if so,

Get up.

Pick up your mat.

And Walk!

Bishop Williamston followed her Episcopal Address by reading the following Statement of Apology from The United Methodist Church:

Sexual misconduct is a current and real problem within The United Methodist Church. Today, we acknowledge there are people here who have been mistreated, abused, and assaulted by clergy and lay leaders in the Church.

We honor those who have shared their stories and those who have sat with their stories in silence. We commend the courage of all survivors of sexual misconduct to walk a path they did not choose.

Too often, those who suffer from sexual misconduct are silenced, ignored, or not believed by the Church. Sexual misconduct includes psychological, emotional, and spiritual abuse. This apology is a beginning point for confession and hope in prevention and response to sexual misconduct in The United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Church apologizes for the times we allowed our desire to protect the Church to outweigh our desire to care for victims and survivors of sexual misconduct. We have allowed polity and protection of the institutional Church to prevent us from holding persons accountable, thus perpetuating harm within our local churches and other ministry settings, and damaging the whole United Methodist connection.

We apologize for the times we have not listened to you, doubted your stories, ignored your wounds, and have not tended to your pain. We believe this has contributed to allowing an unsafe culture to exist.

An apology is worthless without a commitment to the challenging work that must follow. The United Methodist Church pledges to:

- 1. Apologize in every annual conference across the connection.*
- 2. Educate Church leaders regarding sacred trust in ministerial relationships and power imbalance within those relationships.*
- 3. Provide healing resources to all affected in accordance with ¶362, Complaint Procedures.*
- 4. Develop a trauma-informed response to complaints of sexual misconduct.*

This apology alone is insufficient for healing. The United Methodist Church accepts our responsibility and publicly states our commitment to carry out the steps named to do no more harm. May God's blessing and never-ending love guide our work and see it through.



Bishop Williamston thanked the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) on drafting this statement and apology. Rev. Greaselda Bickham then sang and played “Amazing Grace”. Rev. Katrena King, as a board member of COSROW, presented Bishop Williamston with a floral bouquet to celebrate her appointment to the board of COSROW.

Bishop Williamston called for a 15-minute break.

BREAK

Interview videos by ordinands, Rev. Brian Coplin and Rev. Megan Twyman, were shown as the Conference returned from break. They were followed by the introduction of the Bible Study leader for the 2024 Annual Conference, Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles, by Bishop Williamston.

Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles is Professor of New Testament and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. She is also the Director of the Baptist House of Studies at Perkins. She received her B.A. from Stetson University where she focused on both Philosophy and Russian Studies. She earned her M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and her Ph.D. in New Testament from Yale University. Her particular areas of expertise and publication include:

- *The Johannine Literature (the Gospel of John; 1, 2, and 3 John; and Revelation)*
- *Evil, Suffering, Death, and Afterlife*
- *Disability Studies and the Bible*
- *Women in the Bible*
- *Immersion trips to the Holy Land*

She is the author of numerous books and essays. Her books include 1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God (2021), Women in the Bible (2020), Reading John for Dear Life: A Spiritual Walk with the Fourth Gospel (2016), Engaging the Word: The New Testament and the Christian Believer (2010); Death and the Afterlife in the New Testament (2006); and Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel (2003).

Dr. Clark-Soles served on the Journal of Biblical Literature editorial board and currently serves on the Journal of Disability and Religion editorial board. Her essay "Disability and the Johannine Literature" appears in Disability and the Bible: A Commentary (2016). She is the New Testament editor of the CEB Women's Bible.

Dr. Clark-Soles is the recipient of a Ford Senior Research Fellowship and has served on the steering committee of the "Ethics and Biblical Interpretation" section and the "Johannine Literature" section of the Society of Biblical Literature. She was a member of the 2016-2017 cohort of the Christian Leadership Initiative (CLI), aimed at equipping participants to do reasoned, collaborative, interfaith/interreligious work in a religiously pluralistic world.

Dr. Clark-Soles enjoys speaking widely and writing for both academic and popular audiences. She has contributed articles to preaching resources both in print and online (including Feasting on the Word, Feasting on the Gospels, and workingpreacher.org), and has served on the board of the Center for Preaching Excellence.

As an ordained American Baptist minister, she has served in both congregational and hospice settings. She is a Navy brat and enjoys travel, running, cycling, racquetball, and generally staying in motion.

Rev. Dr. Clark-Soles began by thanking the Bishop for her invitation to participate in the 2024 Louisiana Conference. Dr. Clark-Soles informed the Conference that during her presentations each day, she would be focusing on New Testament stories/scriptures that relate to the Conference theme of Moving Forward with HOPE. She began by referencing Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope by Rev. Dr. Esau McCauley. Dr. McCauley writes about his book by stating, "This is a work against the cynicism of some who doubt that the Bible has something to say; it is a work contending for hope". He also believes that the point of a book such as this is that "the very process of engaging these scriptures, and expecting an answer, is an exercise in hope".

During her presentations, Dr. Clark-Soles stated that she would like the Conference to consider the following thoughts as they related to each day's story:

1. *Honesty about the need*
2. *Jesus' role in meeting that need*
3. *The individuals role in moving forward with hope*
4. *The community's role in moving forward with hope*
5. *Jesus' command*

The scripture she began her presentation with, was John 5: 1-7, which is the scripture focus for the 2024 Annual Conference – the story of the healing at the pool of Bethesda. Dr. Clark-Soles defined the three different words used in the passage that related to healing: *hygiēs* (to be made well); *therepeuō* (cured); *iaomai* (healed). “Jesus usually asks questions (“Do you want to be made well?”) not necessarily for information but for transformation” and “that sometimes to ‘be made well’ will involve change or come at a cost”. She further explained that, “a cure is the elimination of the impairment, while individual healing refers to the change in the person who has experienced integration or reconciliation to self, God, community; healing may or may not involve a cure”. Dr. Clark-Soles then introduced the idea of corporate sin as it relates to the Scripture. “Was the man on the mat a victim of corporate sin, or one of his own making?” Dr. Clark-Soles asked. Corporate sin is defined as *a sinful act that is committed by many people against others; it is also known as systemic or structural sin; the idea that there is a social dimension of sin that goes beyond individual wrongdoing and the people can be responsible for sinful actions that come from social systems*. As Dr. Clark-Soles continued, she asked, “Is the man at the pool a victim of his own character, or the result of what the system has done to him?” She quotes from Dr. Esau McCauley’s book, “God calls us to enter into this work of actualizing the transformation he has already begun by the death and resurrection of His Son. This includes the work of discipleship, evangelism, and the pursuit of personal holiness. It also includes bearing witness to a different and better way of ordering our societies in a world whose default instinct is oppression. To do less would be to deny the Kingdom”. In closing, Dr. Clark-Soles posed the following questions:

1. *Do we have the insight and honesty to admit that we are stuck?*
2. *Do we have the courage to ask for help and/or the humility to receive it?*
3. *Once unstuck, do we hoard or do we grow that grace?*
4. *Are we the kind of disciples of Jesus that help others get unstuck?*

Bishop Williamston called on Rev. Dr. Van Stinson for the following prayer concerns:

Rev. Monica Monk, Horseshoe Dr. UMC, Alexandria – mother has inoperable brain cancer
Unexpected death of Rev. Tanner White, Hillsborough UMC, Tampa, Florida, two days after his ordination – prayers for his family and church

Bishop Williamston called on Rev. Tiffanie Postell, Hartzell Mt. Zion UMC, Slidell, to offer a prayer for these voiced concerns. Interview videos of retirees, Rev. Rich Varner and Rev. Terrance August were shown at this time.

Bishop Williamston called on Rev. Tiffanie Postell, chair of the Beloved Community Coalition (Anti-Racism Taskforce), to present the following report:

Greetings, Bishop WILLIAMSTON, Cabinet Members, Clergy, Lay and Friends...

My name is Tiffanie Postell, Adult, Female, Clergy, African American, New Orleans District and I serve as Chair of the Beloved Community Coalition...as well as the Senior Pastor of Hartzell Mt. Zion UMC in Slidell, LA.

Bishop Williamston shared with us that on June 9, 2024, The Rev. Dr. James Lawson Jr. passed away. He was a distinguished leader in the United Methodist Church and a revered civil rights activist. Rev. Dr. James Lawson Jr. will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to justice and equity. As he profoundly stated, "No human being in the sight of God is illegal." Hear this report today in the spirit and memory of Rev. Lawson who dedicated his life to this work. He left an amazing legacy for us to follow.

In the fall of 2020, the Louisiana Antiracism Task Force was called together to begin a deliberate work as a result of the increasing number of deaths of unarmed black men and women and the racial injustices of the world we live in. Our mission was to have critical conversations about racial injustice and organically develop steps to contribute to a broader solution as a Conference.

We began by defining our identity, aiming to shift actions, thoughts, and systems within the Louisiana Conference. Our commitment was to foster knowledge, understanding, equality, education, and advocacy. We embraced an ongoing dialogue to discern disparities and pursue justice for all.

In May 2021, I presented our initial report, sharing our reflections and challenges, and invoked Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words: "If you can't fly then run. If you can't run then walk. If you can't walk then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." We sought your prayers and support, acknowledging that progress might be slow but urged our collective movement forward.

Here we stand now, four years since we became a Taskforce and three years since that initial report. We have made strides... moving from walking to trotting, with hope for the future of our beloved Louisiana Annual Conference.

Last year, with the implementation of a new staff position, Louisiana Conference Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategist, held by Rev. Katrena King, we began examining and understanding the current structure of the Louisiana Conference. Rev. King collaborated with Ms. Elaine Moy, Senior Director of Finance and Institutional Equity at the General Commission on Religion and Race, to conduct an audit of the Conference. The audit was completed by the first of this year.

The audit results were then shared with the cabinet, the Antiracism Task Force, and all Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) clergy. During each meeting, Ms. Moy captured participants' thoughts as the results were presented. After all the meetings, the results were organized and submitted to the Antiracism Task Force to develop recommendations for the Conference.

On April 17, 2024, the Anti-Racism Task Force/Beloved Community Coalition met at the conference office for a day of spirit-filled work to review the audit results. Today, we will share with you our recommendations from the results of that day.

Rev. Mollie McGee:

As we studied the DEI statistics and responses, our task force members recognized our sinfulness as a part of our annual conference. Our hearts pulled us toward a deep call to confession. We believe we, the Louisiana Annual Conference, have not served each other well and overlooked many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Given this, we offer this report as a prayerful litany of confession. Yet, moving forward with hope, it is also our commitment to do better to honor each other. We ask you to join in our prayer before God and one another as we go through our key recommendations.

ALL: *Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.*

Rev. McGee: *We confess that we have not maintained a true commitment to ensuring our conference supports all Black, Indigenous, and people of color, the BIPOC community.*

ALL: *Lord, forgive our lack of vision.*

Rev. McGee:

1. Dismantle the Louisiana Antiracism Taskforce

Our first recommendation as the Louisiana Antiracism Taskforce/Beloved Community Coalition will be to dismantle the current Antiracism Taskforce. We hope to reimagine a new committee, a permanent body that will come alongside our Conference Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategist, Rev. Katrena King, to assist her in the DEI work within the conference. We desire to help her in diversifying the conference on all levels. This includes everything from the makeup of our committees and boards, to the work we do to enrich our churches and communities. We intend that this new body will honor the people and reflect the racial makeup of our conference.

Rev. McGee: *Moving forward with hope...Lord, grant us strength to see past our faults. Allow us the ability to lean into new ways of serving you and loving each other.*

ALL: *Merciful God, We confess that we have not done your will.*

Rev. McGee: *We confess that we have not been intentional about ensuring the recruitment and retention of diverse clergy.*

ALL: *God, forgive our lack of attention.*

Rev. Sonya Lars:

2. BIPOC Clergy Recruitment

At present, we have 29 active BIPOC ordained clergy compared to 92 white ordained clergy. These numbers do not include Local Pastors. Our second recommendation would explore opportunities to seek out clergy in other United Methodist Conferences, Pan Methodist Conferences, and students in varying seminaries. The goal would be to expand our recruitment strategies to reach a wider selection among the BIPOC community.

Rev. Lars: *Moving forward with hope.... God, grant us the wisdom to see new clergy as they present themselves to us, as students and leaders, as church members, and as those trying to discern their call.*

ALL: *Merciful God, we confess that we rebelled against your love.*

Rev. Lars: *We confess that our conference has not been intentional about preparing our clergy and our churches for cross-racial cross-cultural appointments.*

ALL: *Jesus Lord, forgive our lack of understanding.*

Rev. Johnathan "JC" Richardson:

3. Cross Racial/Cross Cultural (CR/CC) Appointments

While our conference has actively sought to pair clergy and churches for CR/CC appointments, little work has been done to prepare either for the cultural shift. While our church profile and clergy profile forms ask each church and clergy person whether they are open to a CR/CC appointment, little is done to explain what this might entail, nor the benefits or potential pitfalls for such a placement. Our third recommendation supports the continuation of CR/CC appointments. We recommend putting together a team to seek out and assess congregations and clergy viable for these appointments. This team can then build a pool of trained and ready people to ensure that CR/CC appointments continue.

Rev. Richardson: *Moving forward with hope.... Jesus Lord, Grant us the vision to not only see each other as worthy and valuable, but also open our hearts to our different cultures, practices, and traditions.*

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Rev. Richardson: We confess that we have not done enough to support congregations or create new churches in diverse areas of our conference.

ALL: Creator, forgive our lack of intention.

Mrs. Jennifer Rossnagel:

4. Church Vitality

More than a decade ago, our conference committed to a system of ensuring that new church starts become part of our continued ministry. In that time, less than a handful of efforts have been made to reach diverse communities. Also, our efforts at building up and sustaining BIPOC churches have shown little fruit. Our fourth recommendation is that the cabinet and Office of Congregational Development and Transformation, with prayer and intention, find new ways of supporting and creating congregations in non-white areas of our conference.

Mrs. Rossnagel: Moving forward with hope.... Creator, grant us foresight to look back to find the BIPOC congregations that need support. At the same time, allow us to see ahead, so that we create new beloved communities in diverse areas of our conference.

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have broken your law.

Mrs. Rossnagel: We confess that we have not offered the attention necessary to ensure that the BIPOC community receives equitable salaries.

ALL: Holy Spirit, forgive our lack of awareness.

Rev. Jay Hogwood:

5. BIPOC Clergy Compensation

The difference between the median salary of a black pastor and a white pastor in the Louisiana Annual Conference climbs to at least \$21,000. Our fifth recommendation intends to examine alternatives for a just system of clergy compensation. We believe that together, as the annual conference, we should examine other compensation systems and propose changes to make ours fair and equitable.

Rev. Hogwood: Moving forward with hope...Holy Spirit, grant us courage and wisdom to live into the new possibilities that you are revealing to us. Give us hope that we may trust in your just ways.

ALL: Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rev. Hogwood: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Rev. Postell: As we end this report, my heart smiles at God's timing. I have always urged us to move forward. And Bishop as I thought about this year's theme: Moving Forward with HōPE. In a beautiful way, God gave me peace and confirmation that the recommendations that we just shared are just the beginning of us attending to the things that make us, the Louisiana Annual Conference, well. We will as a Conference Move Forward with HOPE.



Bishop Williamston asked if there were any questions concerning this report. Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Steffanie Pace, Associate Pastor, FUMC, Lake Charles. Rev. Pace asked why Local Pastors were not included in the audit, and are there ways of encouraging Local Pastors to consider become Elders or Deacons? She also wanted to know if there was a current list of interested Local Pastors? Rev. Postell explained the reasoning as to why Local Pastors were not included in the audit, and that the Coalition would work on creating a list of those Local Pastors who might be interested in become Elders or Deacons if resources were available. Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Clair Carter, FL Conference. Rev. Carter shared that the Florida Conference is addressing some of these issues, and that resources may be available from them. Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. JoAnne Pounds, Algiers-Belle Chase UMC, New Orleans. Rev. Pounds, as Chair of the Committee on Equitable Compensation, invited the Conference leadership to engage in conversations with the Committee on Equitable Compensation to work on the issue of pay inequity. There being no further questions, **the vote to approve the Beloved Community Coalition (Louisiana Anti-Racism Taskforce) report was called for; report was approved.**

Bishop Williamston called Rev. Ramonalynn Bethley, Chair of the Committee on Petitions, to present their report. There was one (1) petition received by the Committee, but as it was an aspirational petition, and authored by General Conference delegate, Rev. Katie McKay Simpson, as part of their work, the petition will be included in the Delegation report.

Bishop Williamston then invited Rev. Richard “Dick” Humphries, Chairman of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits to present their reports. Rev. Humphries stated that Reports I, II and III of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits can be found beginning on page 33 of the Pre-Conference Supplement Report. Report III included the following resolutions for approval by the Conference:

1. LOUISIANA CONFERENCE LOCAL CHURCH CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PLAN AND CONFERENCE-SPONSORED UMPIP PLAN PENSIONS RESOLUTION FORM

[This document shall be a part of stated business of every Charge Conference to be read and executed in the presence of the other members of the Charge Conference.]

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference voted in 2006 to participate in the Clergy Retirement Security plan of the United Methodist Church that took effect 1/1/2007, and;

WHEREAS, participants shall be all Clergy serving under Episcopal appointment to a Louisiana Conference charge or Louisiana Conference-controlled agency of the Louisiana Conference including Full and Provisional Elders and Deacons, Associate Members, Local Pastors, Other Elders, and Other Fellowship, and;

WHEREAS, the General Conference Legislation of 2012 no longer requires participants that serve less than full time appointments to participate in the CRSP plan, effective 1/1/2014, and;

WHEREAS, the General Conference Legislation of 2012 no longer provides the CRSP plan for participants serving less than half (½) time, effective 1/1/2014, and:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference voted in 2013, effective 1/1/2014, for participants serving at least half (½) time under Episcopal appointment to a Louisiana Conference charge or Louisiana Conference-

controlled agency including Full and Provisional Elders and Deacons, Associate Members, Local Pastors, Other Elders, and Other Fellowship shall participate in Wespeth's Louisiana Conference-Sponsored United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP), and;

WHEREAS, "pension benefits" have been legally determined to be "deferred compensation",

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church does hereby accept full ethical, moral, and legal responsibility for the payment in full of monthly billed pension premiums for the pastor(s) assigned to said church, and,

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church will pay the monthly billed pension premiums in a timely manner, and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church understands that failure to pay the monthly-billed pension premiums in full will be taken into consideration relative to whether the congregation is financially able to support a pastor(s) in the future.

Church Lay Leader:

Church Council Chair:

Finance Chair:

Staff Parish Chair:

Pastor(s): *(If more than one pastor, all must sign)*

District Superintendent:

Date of Charge Conference at which this document was executed:

END OF RESOLUTION

2. LOUISIANA CONFERENCE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS RESOLUTION

Originally passed first on 10/16/2024 at Annual Conference Special Session and adopted through this report again.

WHEREAS, ¶604.13 of The Book of Discipline 2016 states, "The annual conference may choose to adopt a conference wide plan for compensation of pastors, and such a plan shall provide the method for setting and funding the salaries and/or other compensation elements as specified in the plan, of the pastors appointed to the charges of the Conference, and;

WHEREAS, health care benefits for clergy and their families are considered to be an essential element of clergy compensation, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference has established a health care plan to provide this essential element of clergy compensation, and;

WHEREAS, support of the Louisiana Conference Health Plan is a fiduciary responsibility of a local church, and;

WHEREAS, each church in the Louisiana Conference will be apportioned on an amount to be determined annually by the Conference for the support of the Conference health plan, and;

WHEREAS, the primary cost of the Conference health plan for full time clergy should be equitably shared by all churches that receive full time clergy appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT in order to be eligible to receive a full-time appointment, a charge or Conference affiliated ministry, shall agree to support the Conference health plan by fully funding one composite health care premium for each full-time clergy appointment, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in multiple church charges, the cost of the composite premium shall be proportionally divided among the churches on the charge, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT failure to fully fund the health care premium shall be taken into consideration relative to whether or not a charge/Conference Affiliated Ministry is financially able to support the full-time pastor(s) in the future.

END OF RESOLUTION

3. RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO RENTAL/HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR RETIRED, DISABLED, OR FORMER CLERGYPERSONS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE (THE “CONFERENCE”) ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the “Church”), of which this Conference is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church and Conference, and;

WHEREAS, the practice of the Church and of this Conference was and is to provide active Clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation, and;

WHEREAS, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons in consideration of previous active service, and;

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conference (or its predecessors) as an appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were members of this Conference and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT an amount equal to 100% of the pension, severance, or disability payments received from plans authorized under *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (the “*Discipline*”), which includes all such payments from Wespeth, during the period January 1 through December 31, 2024, and January 1 through December 31, 2025 by each active, retired, terminated, or disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the Conference or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson, and;

THAT the pension, severance, or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance designation applies will be any pension, severance, or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the Discipline, including such payments from Wespeth and from a commercial annuity company that provides and annuity arising from benefits accrued under a Wespeth plan, annuity or fund authorized under the *Discipline*, that result from any service a Clergyperson rendered to this Conference or that an active, a retired, a terminated, or a disabled Clergyperson of this Conference rendered to any local church, annual conference of the Church, general agency of the Church, other institution of the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the Church, or any other employer that employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under such a plan, annuity, or fund for such and active, retired, terminated, or disabled Clergyperson’s pension, severance, or disability plan benefit as part of his or her gross compensation.

NOTE: The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson’s gross income in any year for federal (and, in most cases, state) income tax purposes, is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2), and regulations thereunder, to the least of: (a) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergyperson’s employer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this

Conference in the foregoing resolutions) for such year; (b) the amount actually expended by the Clergy person to rent or provide a home in such year; or (c) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such year. Each Clergy person or former Clergy person is urged to consult with his or her own tax advisor to determine what deferred compensation is eligible to be claimed as a housing allowance exclusion.

END OF RESOLUTION

Rev. Humphries concluded the presentation of the Board of Pensions & Health Benefits Reports I, II and III, and thanked Mrs. Sandy O'Brien, Mrs. Michele Giarrusso, and the entire Conference Staff their continued service. Bishop Williamston asked if there were any questions, and there being none, Bishop Williamston asked Rev. Humphries if was the will of the Board that all three (3) reports be voted on as one (1), and it being so, **the voted was called to accept the reports as presented; the reports were accepted.**



Bishop Williamston invited Mr. Chris Spencer, President of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana to present their report. Mr. Spencer began by thanking the Conference Staff for the idea of the Refreshing Start pool party last evening, and for those clergy who did not get to eat, he offered to take them to lunch at their earliest convenience. The full report of the UM Foundation of Louisiana can be found on page 161 of the Pre-Conference Report. Mr. Spencer gave a brief overview of the Foundation's *Rooted Together - Growing Forward* campaign.

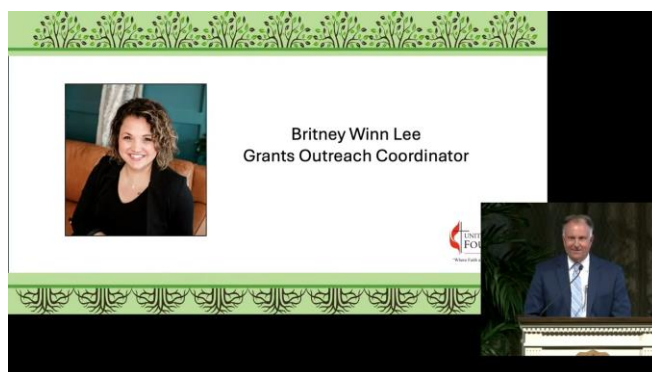


Mr. Spencer introduced the Foundation Board of Trustees, and asked them to stand if they were present.



Mr. Spencer provided a brief overview of what the Foundation is and does; statistics on fund growth, assets, and grants; and information on planned giving, and scholarships.

Mr. Spencer reported on the ministers and the ministry programs supported through grants by the Foundation, and introduced Mrs. Britney Winn Lee as the first Grants Outreach Coordinator. He also mentioned that there are workshops available throughout the year for churches, especially in the areas of stewardship and office administration.



Mr. Spencer recognized the passing of Mr. Bob Carrell on April 3, 2024. Mr. Carrell was the Foundation Development Director, North Louisiana before his retirement in 2022.



This concluded the report of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana. Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to accept this report; the report was accepted.**

Bishop Williamston invited Mr. David McCormick to present the General Commission on Global Missions report. Mr. McCormick presented the following report:

Hello Church Family!

I am David McCormick, and alongside my wife, Elizabeth McCormick, we are your Missionaries. It's good to be back in our home Conference and a gift to be in the presence of our friends and church leaders. Elizabeth and I are in our 8th year of missionary service, currently as Jurisdictional Mission Advocates. We bring you greetings from our General Secretary, Roland Fernandes and from the over 200 United Methodist Missionaries serving across the globe.

*Global Ministries exists to **Connect the Church in Mission** and **Alleviate Human Suffering**. This can only be achieved through collaboration and grace. Global Ministries doesn't own mission; it's God's mission. Our role is to witness where the Holy Spirit is at work.*

Over the past two years, Global Ministries and UMCOR have engaged in a series of conversations with church leaders across the connection. A group from this Annual Conference joined one of these sessions last November in Atlanta. We value listening, and are committed to continuing this practice so we can be an agency that is responsive and proactive, aligning with the vision and dreams of our partners—partners like you.

Listening is a sacred practice that allows transformational mission to emerge. As one of your agencies, we recognize the need for continual change. We aim to do this in a way that multiplies the assets and resources of people around the world. We recognize there are things we can learn from you, and we want to create a missional movement that builds relationships and community among global church leadership. These leaders are asking Global Ministries to come alongside them to build capacity towards sustainable mission and ministry. By leveraging existing resources and fostering local talents, we can create missions that are not only sustainable but also adaptable to the unique needs of each community. This approach ensures that the church remains vibrant and relevant, continuing to serve and grow in the coming years. The US church can embrace this model, utilizing its abundant resources and diverse congregations to support and strengthen missions both locally and globally.

Louisiana has a deep history of cultivating and supporting missionaries. Elizabeth and I are examples of this legacy, as well as Willie Berman in Juarez, and Patrick Booth and Helen Camarce in Cambodia. Louisiana's approach to Disaster Response is unique and community asset-driven, which could serve as a model for other conferences. All these relationships are to be celebrated.

But I also want to challenge us: What would it look like to have an integrated strategy for Mission? Where are the opportunities to collaborate and share the passion and resources celebrated by this conference? God is continuing to do new and wonderful things. By utilizing these opportunities, the Louisiana Annual Conference can be a vanguard in Mission Partnership.

In a world seemingly dominated by divisions and polarization, through mission, we have a holy and sacred opportunity to bring people together – to make the words of our faith real and concrete in ways that allow the light of God's love to shine brightly.

Global Ministries will continue to be present in places of suffering and disaster, and we are grateful that you are present with us. Together, we provide opportunities to see our neighbors the way God sees them and build our capacity for compassion, mercy, and justice as we seek to be the healing presence of God's Spirit in the world. As we talk about a connected Church, we believe mission is that connecting place.

We are here to support this Annual Conference. We know that mission unites us and provides a compelling witness to the difference Jesus' love makes. Let's join together to deepen the imprint

of Jesus's love in our conference and in other places. The Holy Spirit leads us and equips us to join God's mission.

John Wesley's rule to "Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God" calls us to deepen our spiritual commitment and to express this love through our actions. By staying in love with God, we are inspired to engage in missions that bring healing, justice, and hope to the world. We invite you to see where your churches are connected and challenge you to deepen that missional expression. We are here to come alongside you on that journey and find those holy spaces for growth.

Elizabeth and I are grateful for your support in our missionary service. We are committed to Louisiana and to the practice of listening. We encourage you to find us; we are available. Let's continue these conversations and align your passions with the resources of Global Ministries. Thank you.



This concluded the report from the General Commission on Global Missions. Bishop Williamston called for **a vote to accept this report; the report was accepted.**

Bishop Williamston invited Mr. Eduardo Bousson to present the report from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). The presentation began with a video from GBHEM. Mr. Bousson gave the following report:

Friends, good afternoon! My name is Eduardo Bousson, and I am the director of schools, colleges, and universities at the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. I am honored to be here with you at the Louisiana Annual Conference, and share with you this greeting on behalf of GBHEM.

Our agency has the privilege of walking beside you as you discern, learn, and lead; leaning into the call God has placed on your life. Uniting knowledge and vital piety is a theological core value of the United Methodist Church and the Wesleyan tradition.

United Methodist-related institutions offer communities that nurture their students' minds, bodies, and spirits. Currently there are 88 United Methodist related colleges or universities in the United States, 13 seminaries, and 9 primary/secondary schools. Two of those schools are located in Louisiana – Centenary College and Dillard University. The United Methodist were also amongst the first to advocate for greater educational opportunities for all people regardless of race, class, or gender. For over 50 years, United Methodists have supported 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the USA through the Black College Fund. We also have a robust network of 109 schools, colleges, and universities in the United States. Second behind the Catholic faith, we have the largest network of educational institutions in the United States and around the world. These schools play an outside role in educating some of the world's most effective and recognized leaders.

GBHEM has also established regional Leadership, Education, and Development Hubs, called LEAD Hubs, throughout the world to connect the United Methodist Church with our pan-Methodist

and ecumenical collaborative partners around the world, such as the International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

Through the GBHEM scholarship program, The United Methodist Church prepares the next generation of critical thinkers and dynamic leaders. Since 2017, more than \$29M has been awarded to over 15,000 students worldwide to help them pursue their educational dreams. Last year it was \$64,000 for 46 students in the Louisiana Conference.

As the landscape for theological education changes in the United States, our 13 United Methodist seminaries are changing, too, as they commit to innovative education for the future. GBHEM stewards Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) dollars by awarding grants for the prototyping of new, creative expressions of theological education.

For over 150 years, GBHEM has served as the steward of our church's intellectual life and educational mission. During that time, our work has undergone many transformations and evolution. And as The United Methodist Church continues to evolve, we will embrace all that God has set before us – as individuals, pastors, agencies, and a denomination – ensuring that the educational mission of the church will always be a vital expression of what it means to be United Methodist, making principled Christian leaders for the Church, the academy, and the world.

Thank you for your support and for standing together in ministry to transform the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.



This concluded the report from GBHEM, and Bishop Williamston called for **the vote to accept this report; the report was accepted.**

Bishop Williamston invited Mr. Kenny Beauvais, Chair of the Council on Finance & Administration (CF&A), to present their reports. Mr. Beauvais stated that the three (3) reports from CF&A can be found on pages 39 - 117 of the Pre-Conference Report. Mr. Beauvais stated that at this time, he would present Reports I, II, and III for consideration, but that only Reports I and II would be voted on during this session; Report III will be voted on at the business session on Thursday. Mr. Beauvais informed the Conference that there is an email address available for anyone to submit questions concerning Report III, which includes the requested 2025 Conference Budget. Doing this will help expedite the asking and answering of questions from the floor prior to voting on the budget. Mr. Beauvais then gave a brief overview of Reports I and II. Bishop Williamston asked if there were any questions concerning these reports, and there being none, Mr. Beauvais asked for the vote to accept these reports. Bishop Williamston called for **the vote to accept CF&A Reports I and II; the reports were accepted.**

Mr. Beauvais then went on to present Report III found beginning on page 107 of the Pre-Conference Report. This is report included the proposed 2025 Louisiana Annual Conference budget. Mr. Beauvais reminded the Conference of the email address to submit questions concerning the budget, and then gave a brief overview of the report.

The 'apportionment revenue budget (amount assessed to local churches)' is not the same as each ministry area's 'apportionment operating (or expenditure) budget'. While the proposed individual expenditures apportionment line items may have changed from 2024 to 2025, CF&A was committed to retaining the apportionment expenditure budget at the same level as 2024, or a total of \$4,542,009. This model is projected to use almost all of the Reserves – Disaffiliated Churches' Apportionment Collections - by the end of 2026. Beginning in 2027, alternate revenue sources, such as interest income from investments at UMFLa will need to be utilized. Finally, it is important to note that the next quadrennial (2024-2028) will bring further changes to the overall mission and ministry of the Conference. CF&A will continue to navigate diligently the organizations competing financial priorities.

Bishop Williamston asked if there were any questions from the floor. Rev. Donnie Wilkinson, Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge, was recognized as wishing to ask a question. Rev. Wilkinson asked, "If we are using reserves to fund expenditures for this year, what percentage of the budget are we deficit spending – what is the amount? And how many years can we do this before hard decisions need to be made to align income and expenses?" Mr. Beauvais replied, "If you remember, we looked at this last year, and outlined that the Conference could only approve a budget for one (1) year at a time. So, we proposed a three (3) year budget plan to use the Disaffiliation Funds available to us, and this is how we were planning to move forward. So this is the fulfilling of that three (3) year plan, and yes, the percentages are high right now, but they will begin to go down as we begin to realign the Conference operations to align with where apportionments are. It will take the full three (3) years to achieve this, but yes, right now we are operating, if you want to put the label of "deficit", in that way." Rev. Wilkinson replied, "I don't know of a term that would be more appropriate, this is a "deficit budget", where we are spending accumulated resources." Mr. Beauvais responded, "But we are using reserves to fill that deficit." Rev. Wilkinson then wanted to know what year of the three (3) year plan we are currently operating in? Mr. Beauvais asked Mrs. Sandy O'Brien for a response. Mrs. O'Brien stated that the "2025 budget would be the second year of the plan, reserves would continue to be used for the 2026 budget, and that the 2027 budget would be the year in which any significant changes would be reflected." Mr. Beauvais stated that by that time, other sources of revenue, primarily interest income from investments, would need to be utilized. Rev. Wilkinson then wanted to know if there is a group currently working on a plan. Mr. Beauvais replied that CF&A is that group. Rev. Wilkinson wanted to make sure that he understood, that reserves will be depleted in 2027. Mr. Beauvais responded by stating that "yes, 2027 will be when we have adjusted the budget to be in balance, by using the projected reserves at that time plus the apportionments we are at today." Bishop Williamston at this time asked that Rev. Wilkinson email any further questions he may have, so that there would be time to provide him with the best answers possible. There being no further questions from the floor, Mr. Beauvais conclude this portion of the CF& A report.



Dr. Van Stinson offered the following prayer concerns:

Rev. Kalan Walker, associate pastor at Noel UMC, Shreveport - mother passed away
Mr. Nettles Brown, lay delegate to General Conference – son, Mr. Lesh Brown, passed away last week

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Bradley Swire to pray for these voiced concerns.

Rev. Tom Dolph was called to give away a few “door prizes”. Winners were:
 Mrs. Bonnie Thornton – Air Bishop insulated cup
 Rev. Ryan McKnight – HOPE baseball cap
 Ms. Amy Mitchell – large Air Bishop sticker



Bishop Williamston then adjourned the Conference until 8:30 am, Thursday, June 13, 2024.

Thursday, June 13, 2024

PLENARY SESSION II

The second day of the Louisiana Annual Conference began at 8:30 am with the Contemporary Worship Band from Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge leading the Conference in the following musical selections: “Sing Wherever I Go”, “Who You Say I Am”, and “Rattle”. Bishop Williamston invited Mr. Adam Philley, lay delegate Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport, to offer the opening prayer.

Rev. Dr. Van Stinson gave the following announcements:

- 1) Delegates (laity & clergy) from the Monroe District are invited to lunch today at noon at Poor Boy Lloyd's for a time of fellowship and connecting
- 2) Youth are selling t-shirts as a fundraiser in the main hallway
- 3) Books from various authors are available for sale at vendor tables
- 4) Thanks to Rev. Dr. Jamie Clark-Soles for leading Bible study, and she also has books available for sale
- 5) Rev. Dr. John Winn's memoir is available for sale at the Retired Clergy & Spouse Retreat table

Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph was called to give away a few more prizes. Winners were:

Mr. Aaron Spivey – Air Bishop insulated cup
 Mrs. Florence Cole – HOPE baseball cap

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Katrena King to present the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) report from yesterday's sessions. Rev. King congratulated the Conference on self-identifying as they came to speak, and offered thanks to those who filled out self-identifying questions on the registration form. This information will help in recognizing who is here, who is participating, and who is speaking. The information is also helpful in determining how we are doing as a Conference in embracing a culture of DEI. The make-up of speakers yesterday was:

11 male; 10 female
 13 white; 1 Asian; 4 black; 2 Hispanic; 1 Native American
 13 Elders; 2 Deacons; 1 retired clergy; 3 at-large delegate; 1 lay delegate; 1 guest

3 over 65 years of age; 8 50-60 years of age; 3 40-50 years of age; 5 30-40 years of age
Rev. King hopes that by reporting this information daily, it will encourage more diverse voices to come forward.

Bishop Williamston invited Mrs. Jennifer Swann, Conference Lay Leader, to present the report of the Board of Laity. The Board of Laity report, including the Daughenbaugh-Matheny Scholarship report, a report from Deaconess Brenda Thomas-Nero, and the Lay Servant Ministries report, can be found on pages 135-139 of the Pre-Conference Report. Mrs. Swann gave the following report:

Good morning. My name is Jennifer Swann and it's been my great privilege to serve as your Conference lay leader for the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church for the last four years. At laity session we elected John Smith as the incoming Lay leader. He previously served as the associate chair of the board of laity and will be a familiar face. We also elected Susie Cox as the incoming associate chair. I hope the clergy will join us in welcoming them into these roles. The laity will be in good hands.

From Laity session yesterday, I know that there are a significant number of our lay people here who are here for the first time. You may be wondering why, with so many talented preachers who know a lot more about Scripture and conference work than I do... why I, as a lay person, am given time to speak to the entire body like this. Well, our United Methodist Book of Discipline actually requires the lay leader to address the annual conference during our time together and it requires the annual conference to provide time. I think the reason it's required is because in this time and space together, it can be easy to lose sight of those who are not here.

Bishop Williamston, I love how often you remind us that 99% of the conference is laity. I'd like to add to that and say that 99% of the conference laity aren't here this week. They are at work, literally, as I speak, in their churches, homes, workplaces, and communities, living and sharing the Good news of the Gospel in powerful ways that make a kingdom difference for the world. The work they, and countless other United Methodists around the Globe are doing in their communities and the world, is how the church exercises its power in the world. Ultimately, the success of our work will depend on how well we form and equip and support those people who aren't here.

It is the Laity's Christ-like examples of everyday living and sharing of their own faith experience of the Gospel, which is the primary evangelism tool through which all people will come to know Christ and the church, will fulfill its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our mission as the Board of Laity is to love and serve all God's people in all places and at all times. This is a mission that cannot be accomplished merely through the work of or by the members of the board. And it can't be accomplished by the 20 or so congregations represented by people on the board. All people, in all places, in all times, require a strong and ever-expanding United Methodist connection. As the Board of Laity, we play an important role in building and tending the connection.

We believe that living as part of a connection of faithful believers, is God's will for us. In John 17:11, one of Jesus's final prayers before his arrest was that his followers would be one, one just as Jesus and God are one. Our commitment to connection is rooted in our scriptural understanding of our identity as the body of Christ – assembled by God for God's work in this world.

Jesus gave us a law of Love, He said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who harass you." (Matthew 5:44). As for our neighbors, not just a simple command to love them, but to love a neighbor as you love yourself. (Matthew 22:35) And these commands to love were one sided. We must love our enemies and our neighbors even if they don't return the sentiment.

But then there was Jesus's command to his DISCIPLES in John 13:34 – "Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other." As followers of Jesus, we are commanded to love each other.

If you follow political news, you may have heard the term, "double hater." Double haters are people who strongly dislike both of the major party candidates for president. Well this is a "double lover" situation – And that kind of love – reciprocal love given obediently among believers..., Jesus knew that kind of love would provide a powerful witness. "This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples," he said, "when you love each other."

And our commitment to connectionalism is not just firmly rooted in scripture. It's been part of our Wesleyan Methodist tradition since the very beginning. Two hundred and forty (240) years ago this month, in June 1744, John and Charles Wesley called what turned out to be the first annual conference of Methodists leadership. By that time, it had been more than 6 years since John had had his heart strangely warmed and since he and Charles had been connecting with other Pastors and forming Methodist societies as revival groups within the church of England. But these Methodist societies formed mostly as independent societies, connected through the leadership of John and Charles Wesley, but not formally connected to each other. Competition inevitably developed. There were some turf wars among groups and some power struggles among leaders.

In their wisdom, John and Charles called all the leaders together – initially just the pastors, but after a few days, they invited lay leaders to join them as well. Those who attended were so happy with the results, they began meeting annually. The fruit of that initial conference can be seen by the fact that we are still doing it today. Like those early Methodist, we are better together – and not just as a group of congregations all led by the same bishop and served by staff in the conference office, we're better as a connection.

As good church folks, I'm sure most of you have been a part of many, many meetings. Most of you are probably familiar with a popular the meme about a meeting that could have been an email. And most meetings COULD.

But you know, regardless of the stated differences, the conflict among the early Methodist societies wasn't really about conflict over a particular issue or a lack of information or a lack of communication from the Wesleys. It was about a lack of connection.

After many, many years of annual conferencing, John Wesley described Christian Conferencing, as a means of grace. Other means of grace, according to Wesley, are activities like prayer, worship, and studying scripture. He included Christian Conferencing in the same category. In his sermon on the means of grace, Wesley described the "means of grace" as the place where those of us who desire the grace of God are directed to go to wait for it.

And Wesley warned that the means of Grace could be abused. He points out that Acts tells us that the early church had a special connection – so much, so that they held all things in common. But the connection did not last. Wesley described what was next like this, "in...time, when love waxed cold, some began to mistake the means for the end and define the religion as the outward signs rather than the renewed heart."

God's grace has power over our doubt, our hopelessness, our anger, our pride, and our confusion. Do we come here open to God using Christian Conferencing as a means of God's Grace? One of the most common pieces of feedback provided to me or the conference office is that we need better communication, and while no one is perfect, this is frequently frustrating to those who spend a lot of time drafting emails that aren't opened or aren't read entirely. I was discussing this with our incoming lay leader, John Smith and I'm sorry I'm not crediting his source, but he shared something that was raised in a church meeting he had attended. How often are our complaints about a lack of communication actually about feelings of disconnection?

You know, maybe communication used to be what we needed most. In the days of three times as many district superintendents, district staffs, and district lay leaders; before travel ball teams and email and phone apps, maybe what we look back at now as communication was actually connection. But communication was only ever a means, and not the end. When love waxes cold, we are as likely to weaponize shared information against each other, as we are to allow it to tend our connection.

John Wesley also preached about Schism in the body of Christ. He called separation in the church a grievous breach of the law of love.

"It is the nature of love to unite us together," Wesley said, "and the greater the love, the stricter the union."

"It is only when our love grows cold, that we can think of separating..."

[The pretenses for separation may be great in number, but a lack of love is always the real cause.] [those] that leave...endeavor to justify themselves by [criticizing] those they separate from, and [the other side] retort[s] the charge, and strive[s] to lay the blame on them." But it started with love gone cold.

Bishop, I know last year we agreed not to say the D word at annual conference. But we need to talk about this -- because 99% of the people who disaffiliated from the Louisiana conference of the United Methodist Church are laity, and 99% of those laity had never been a part of the Christian Conferencing we do together at annual conference or through our committee work.

We must acknowledge that even when we have faithfully attended to the business of the conference, even when we have faithfully communicated, even when we have challenged each other here and done hard things together, even then, we have not faithfully tended the connection. And by we, I don't mean just the people in this room, today or in years past. I don't mean the Bishop or the cabinet or conference staff or pastors or church staff. I mean the whole we.

Our United Methodist Discipline describes our connection as a vital web of interconnected relationships. It is multilevel, global in scope, and local in thrust (§132). It is time for us as the laity and clergy of the Louisiana annual conference of the United Methodist Church, to remember how to spin web.

But I've got some good news to share that will not come as a surprise to the lay delegates who were at laity session. We've already got our best lay people on it. In laity session, after completing our business, we broke into about 40 small groups to begin the work of building and tending our connection. And all I can say is even I was surprised. We must have a lot of radioactive spider infestations because web spinning is in these people's DNA.

We asked them to share ways they or their congregation experienced life-giving relationships with United Methodists outside of their congregations. I reviewed notes these groups took on their conversation and counted over 85 unique ways that these lay leaders are currently tending to the connection by building relationships with United Methodists outside of their congregations. Examples include ways that they partner with other United Methodists to serve children and youth, unhoused populations, people with food insecurities or who need clothing. They are gathering to celebrate black history month, pride, and to provide bible studies for indigenous people. They are participating in three-day spiritual retreats like Happening and walk to Emmaus and Cursillo. They are celebrating Holy week together, swapping pastors, swapping choirs, and holding special musical events together. They are participating in mission teams and housing those who serve. They are partnering with UMCOR and the Louisiana United Methodist Children's home, and I could go on and on.

We asked them how the connection had "thrust" locally for them. They said the connection helped them understand the world outside of their immediate context better. They better understood others needs around finances and inclusion. They are learning from best practices of

successful ministries in other churches. The connection is providing more opportunities for their young people to experience the gospel and helping them take care of their aged and their caretakers. Their communities were more accessible for people who needed wheel chair ramps. People in their communities were less hungry. Lighthouse congregations have provided spaces of refuge for those whose churches left. United Methodist showed up when they were affected by storms.

Finally, we asked them what they needed from their lay leadership at the district level as we rebuild and tend our lay networks over the next quadrennium. And this one is the trick question, because the lay leadership at laity session are the lay leadership in their districts, so in many ways this is the work we have defined for ourselves: We need to provide support and encouragement for our local churches of all sizes. We need to be intentional about building networks that teach and provide support in difficult times. We need help building cross-racial congregational relationships. We need training of many kinds including leadership training, training around our roles as lay leaders in our churches, and skill building for things like emergency response teams and ramp building. We also need help communicating and encouraging participation in things that will help make us well. We need to gather to talk more about what's working and to help each other find solutions.

Louisiana Annual Conference, I believe that we have everything that we need to do exactly what God is calling us to do. I believe that God is already at work in our churches and communities with dreams bigger than ours, and has already provided the means for our participation. While I'm passing the lay leader baton, I'm not going anywhere. I'm ready to stand with you as we continue to discern, to do my part here and locally, with God's grace, to keep the love warm – to Love each other as Jesus Loved. Let's move forward together in Hope. Not a Hope that is a mere choice of optimism over pessimism. Not hope for pie in the sky when we die. Not in some cheap hope that we survive or that we grow or that we have the power and influence church leaders once had.

Let's move forward in the Hope we have in Jesus – one that's been growing in us through our repeated experience of God's unconditional love and grace.
That hope makes us strong enough to stand as witnesses of Hope even in the most hopeless of places and situations.
That hope compels the paralyzed to get up and walk, and together we can.

Please join me in prayer:

God of all creation, thank you for the privilege of serving the Louisiana Conference. It's been a wild ride.

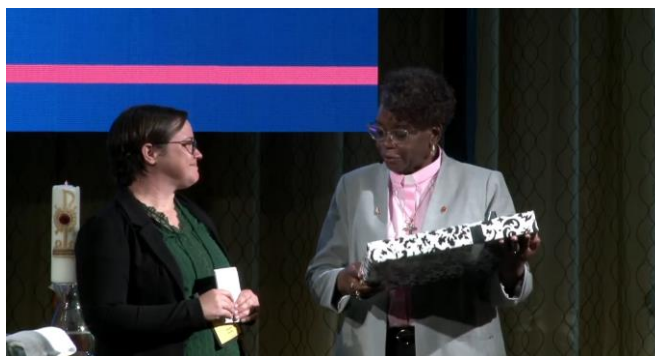
We pray your blessing on those who will take over from here.

We trust that their gifts, freely given in service to you, will be acceptable and will be used by you for the good of your kingdom.

We pray that you sustain them and us in obedient Double Love for each other.

And that you constantly remind us of the Hope we have in you.

We ask these things in the name of your son Jesus Christ.



At the conclusion of the report, Mrs. Swann was applauded by the Conference and recognized by Bishop Williamston for her dedication and service as Lay Leader. Bishop Williamston presented Mrs. Swann with a gift from the Louisiana Conference as reminder of her years of service.

At this time, interview videos by Ordinands, Rev. Megan Stuermann (Deacon) and Rev. Mary Rachel Moore (Elder), were presented.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Clifton Conrad, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, to present their report. The full report of the Board of Ordained Ministry, including reports from the Division of Elders, the Division of Deacons, the Division of Local Pastors & Associate Members, the Order of Elders, the Order of Deacon, can be found on pages 153-158 of the Pre-Conference Report. Rev. Conrad gave the following report and presentations:

Good morning, Louisiana Annual Conference. Before I begin, I just need to invite all those that are a part of this presentation – all of the ordinands, retirees, those who have completed course of study, all those receiving licenses – please make your way over to the left of the pulpit. The Board of Ordained Ministry report can be found on page 53 of the Pre-Conference Report. Oh, I forgot to introduce myself; I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody, about somebody, that can save anybody; but the people on this side of Glory call me Clifton Conrad, Sr. I am an African-American male, and I have served Cornerstone UMC, in New Orleans for the past 18 years. I am the one-year chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and it has been a pleasant, but sometimes bumpy ride. I've been on this board during the never ending Quadrennium (12 years), and I am now prepared to roll off.

I would like to begin by asking those that are responsible for the clergy in the pulpit to please stand. (pause) Everyone should be standing. However, you see it took a little while for us to make that connection, because we don't realize that everyone, the 98% of you laity and the 2% of the clergy, are all responsible for those persons that are called to preach the Gospel. It doesn't begin in the pulpit – it begins in the pews. We have those that have been called and set aside for ordained ministry and those who want to become local pastors.

We, the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry, along with our District Committees on Ordained Ministry, are responsible for making sure that they are serving you to the best of their ability. So, I want to ask all of the members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, as well as the District Committees, to stand at this time. You can see that it is not just clergy, but laypersons as well. We are the ones that are charged with examining, questioning, reading all of those sermons, listening to their call stories, and moving them along in the process, which will culminate tonight when we ordain elders and deacons. We are also responsible for commissioning new provisional members, and bestowing licenses to local pastors, but it all still begins in the pews. If it had not been for one of my friend's dad coming and putting his finger in my face, when I was 16 years old, and telling me that I was going to be a preacher someday, the seed would not have been planted in me. So we have to look and make sure that we are aware of those that have those gifts and graces, and can one day stand up here, even if it's only for a

short time, to become a member or a part of this spiritual journey we call ministry. At this time I would like to introduce Mrs. Pattye Hewitt, director of the Louisiana Licensing School.

Thank you Clifton. My name is Pattye Hewitt, and I am a white, female, lay delegate from the Baton Rouge district, and I am not going to say that I am old, but I am a part of the Boomer Generation – the very tail end of the Boomer Generation. The 2024 Louisiana Licensing School began on January 12, 2024. Students completed their studies through the online offering of Candler School of Theology, which moved them through an eight-week period of doing a lot of work. Every week, a new module would open to them, whether it was worship, preaching, congregational care, or something else, they worked very hard. The class also met online via Zoom so that they could meet some of the clergy and lay people here in Louisiana. Through this journey, Bishop Williamson came on and greeted the students from the very beginning, and offered encouragement and an abundance of wisdom throughout, as they navigated the waters of pastoral ministry. Our three students have written papers, watched instructional videos online, taken tests and quizzes, and have crafted and recorded sermons that were evaluated by 11 members of our conference. Our students also successfully completed a very thorough Boundaries Training through the Lewis Center, to gain an understanding of clergy sexual ethics. Finally, on March 22 and 23, the school culminated with an overnight learning and sharing retreat at the Wesley Center. It was an honor to again be the director of the Louisiana Licensing School this past year, and I just anticipate all of us being witnesses to the way that these beautiful servants are going to continue to impact the kingdom of God. Those who have completed the 2024 Louisiana Licensing School are Leslie Michele Frietch, Raymond Anton Partsch, III, and Nancy Flye Riffe.



Bishop Williamston offered a prayer for those who completed the 2024 Louisiana Licensing School. Rev. Jo Ann Cooper, chair of the Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members came to present those being licensed and receiving their first appointment.

I am Joe Cooper, a local pastor, white female from the New Orleans district pastor at Gretna United Methodist Church. Even though it has been 23 years, I can still remember my first appointment and being licensed to receive that appointment - it was humbling, it was honoring, and it was terrifying. It's like, oh my goodness, they're really going to let me do this and 24 years later, I'm like, oh my goodness, they're still letting me do this. It is an amazing journey and I never feel alone because of the connection, and know that I am supported and loved by my conference and by my district. So, for those of you that have been in ministry a while in the pulpit, please take a moment to make that connection; it is so important. Those receiving their license for pastoral ministry, and some of them are already serving as Supply Pastors, are Leslie Michele Freitch, Neva Marie Joseph, Raymond Anton Partsch, III, and Nancy Flye Riffe.



Bishop Williamston offered the following words and prayer:

People of God. These persons have completed the requirements for license as local pastor, and are recommended by the District Committees on Ordained Ministry and the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. We have inquired diligently concerning them and have found them to be fit for this sacred vocation. I have two questions for you. Do you believe you are moved by the Holy Spirit to serve as a local pastor? Will you strive to live a life keeping with what you preach?

You are hereby authorized to serve as a local pastor in the congregation to which you are appointed. Take care that you perform these duties faithfully. As much as you are able, the Lord being your helper, you all will join me in prayer, "Almighty God, whose word is truth in the keeping of which is eternal life. We thank you for these persons whom we set aside in your name as local pastors. Prepare them in body, mind, and spirit for their task and continue them in your grace that they may increase and bless your church through their labors, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Rev. Cooper returned to introduce those who have completed Course of Study:

Once appointed as a local pastor, whether part-time or full-time, there is the requirement for course of study. It is 20 courses that are required by the general Board of Higher Education, and it is when we are introduced specifically to folks like Bonhoeffer and Buber and many other voices. It is a time of building, growing, learning, being challenged, and being encouraged. We celebrate this morning that two have completed course of study, Deborah K. Keller, and Heather, Bethany Sullivan.



Bishop Williamston offer the following words and prayer:

Well, thank you so much for your diligence to your studies and your work. Let us extend our hands to them and let us pray over them. "Gracious and almighty God, we give you praise and thanks, oh God, for these two pastors. Oh God, we ask that you continue to be with them, lead

them and guide them. And Lord, just remind them, oh God, that they're still not done. They're still not done. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Rev. Conrad invited Rev. Katie McKay Simpson, chair of the Division of Elders, and Rev. Lauren Frazier-McGuin, chair of the Division of Deacons & Diaconal Ministers to introduce those to be commissioned:

I am Lauren Frazier, McGuin, African-American woman, proud, ordained deacon in the Louisiana Conference. Good morning, from the division of Deacons and diagonal ministers, Bishop Williamson Cabinet and Annual Conference. The process toward commissioning an ordination for deacons and elders in the United Methodist Church begins with God's call, the recognition of that call within the local church and community. And it leads to the preparation of those called in academic study, training, and guidance at the district and conference levels. Today, our divisions present our candidates for ordination as deacon or elders, and for commissioning. They have met all the educational and probationary requirements as set forth in the Book of Discipline. This year, the Division of Deacons does not have a commissioned candidate, but stay tuned.

More to come. I am Katie McKay Simpson, Clergy, University in Baton Rouge. I'm an adult white female and serve presently as the chair of the division of elders, and I love the hopefulness in that statement, Lauren. I was there last year with no one being commissioned to become an Elder, but this year, we have one to be commissioned, Amy Duhon Castro.

Bishop Williamston offered these words and prayer:

Well, congratulations to you on your commissioning this evening. You are doing a marvelous job. I know about you down in Westlake, and that God is with you and your leadership. You have such a heart and passion for the gospel and for your congregation and for the whole community. We are blessed to have you on this journey. Amen. Amen. Amen. So let us pray as you extend your hand as well for Amy. Almighty God, we just ask that you continue to be with Amy. Oh God, your servant is faithful to you Oh God, and to the community she has served in. Lord, we ask that you continue to surround her, with your strength and with your spirit. Oh God, let her know, that she is doing your ministry, that she is doing exactly what you designed her to do. And so Lord, we thank you. We thank you for her gifts. We thank you for her family. Continue to encourage her on this journey. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Let us all say amen. Amen. God bless you.

Rev. Simpson and Rev. Frazier-McGuin returned to introduce those to be ordained as deacon or elder:

So we have four to be ordained this year. It is hard being clergy sometimes, and it's even harder when you've got assignments on top of preaching and pastoral care and administration and trustees meetings and all the other things. These four candidates have been faithful to the very end to complete those requirements of turning in sermons and Bible studies, ministry plans, and it has just been a beautiful thing to behold them go through this process as so many others have done before them. One thing Lauren and I were reflecting on just recently is that this is a very unique class. Think about it. Each of them came through within the three minimum years that we have for our residents in ministry process. What was happening three years ago? Pandemic, Covid. If you can imagine the anxiety and anticipation of entering in as a provisional deacon or elder, when you're having to do all this on Zoom with a board you don't really know well. It was amazing the feat that they went through to stay very faithful and as diligent as they could through this process. So, in all the ways, we are just so thankful for being able to come to this moment where we can say their names, celebrate their ministry, their ordination and all that is to come in their life as clergy. In our conference, I had like to welcome our deacon to be ordained tonight, Megan McGuirt Sturermann and our three elders, Brian Eric Coplin, Mary Rachel Moore, and Megan Leah Twyman.

Bishop Williamston offered these words and prayer:

Isn't God good? What a wonderful accomplishment. Amen. Megan, Brian, Mary Rachel, and Megan, we welcome you. I have some questions to ask you and you are familiar with these questions but we want the whole conference to hear you answer these questions. Amen. All right. Have you faith in Christ? Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? Are you earnestly striving after perfection in love? Are you resolved to devote yourself woe to God and God's work? Do you know the general rules of our church? Will you keep the general rules of our church? Have you studied the doctrines of the United Methodist Church? After full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures? Have you studied our form of church discipline and polity? Do you approve our church, government and polity? Will you support and maintain them? Will you exercise the ministry of compassion? Will you diligently instruct the children in every place? Will you visit from house to house, Zoom to Zoom, call to call, or text to text? Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both in precept and example? Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God? Are you in debt as so to embarrass yourself? Will you observe the following directions?: Be diligent; Never be unemployed; never be trifling employed; Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary; Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake?

Amen. Welcome, welcome. Welcome to the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Rev. Simpson returned to present those coming into full connection:

Lauren and I have been serving as chairs of the divisions for the past four years, since 2020, and it's been such a pleasure serving alongside other members of the division and the whole board. During that time, we've started to see a fresh new wind blowing of folks outside of the United Methodist Church, but in the Pan Methodist tradition coming in and beginning to relate with us in a new way. So, I'm excited to continue the work this year that we started last year, bringing in a resident in ministry, but one whose orders in the African Methodist Episcopal Church we already recognized as he came to serve us officially last year. This year we get to welcome him in as a member in full connection with the Louisiana Annual Conference, Jonathan Carlton Richardson.

Bishop Williamston offered these words of welcome and recognition:

Amen. Amen. Welcome, Jonathan Carlton Richardson. We call him JC. Amen. Rev. Dr. JC Richardson comes to us from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and so we welcome you as a United Methodist. Amen. We are excited to have you. We are so excited. We enjoy your infectious energy, we enjoy you here in Baton Rouge, as well as down in New Orleans and churches that you have served. You have served as an itinerant elder and we greatly appreciate you. So welcome to the Louisiana Conference. Thank you. We recognize your orders. Amen.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Ramonalyn Bethley to present the 2024 class of retirees:

Good morning, church. Good morning. I am Ramonlyn Bethley, clergy, female, white, serving in the Alexandria District as pastor of first young Methodist Church of Alexandria. And I have the privilege of introducing to you the class of 2024, our retirees for this year. I'm going to invite them if they would, to come to the stage.

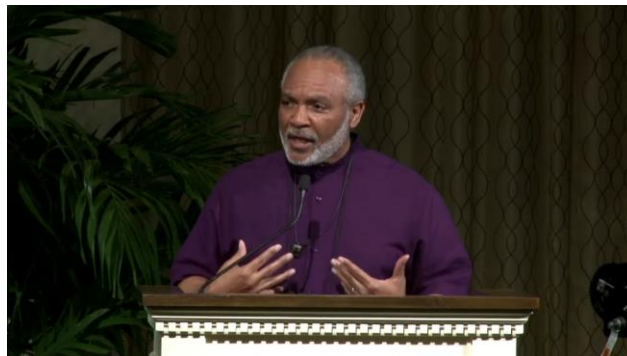
So, we are going to bring them up alphabetically, but it happens to be that the most years of service is Terrance S. August, 49 years. Next we have, Mary Jo Babcock, 27 years; Lamar Chris Curry, 15 years; Thomas Earl Dolph, 39 years; Christopher S. Fryou, 19.75 years; Barbara Calhoun-Gibson, 12 years; Katherine G. Howell, 16 years; Valla Marie Johnson, 10 years; John Bernard Joseph Jr., 3 years; James E. Ray, Sr., 31 years; William Craig Taylor, 45.25 years; John Elbert Tellis, 9 years; Richard P. Varner, 21; and Robert Alan Weber, 30.5 years of service. Standing before you are our friends and our colleagues with a combined 327.5 years of service.

Well, you made it, and we are so grateful and blessed for your service here in the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. I know some of you are going to continue to serve and we appreciate you so much for serving in the locations that you are appointed. I also, know some may be moving to a new location or a new church, but I know that God is with you. Now, last year I sang a song, but I can't remember what song it was, but I think it kind of went a little like this, "We thank you Jesus. We thank you Jesus. We thank you Jesus." So I'm going to see if I can change the words spontaneously; "We thank you clergy. We thank you clergy. We thank you clergy. We thank you Lord. Oh, you brought us from a mighty, a mighty long way. A mighty long way. We thank you clergy. We thank you clergy. We thank you clergy. We thank you Lord. You brought us. Yes, you brought us from a mighty, a mighty long way. A mighty long way. Now y'all been our friends, you've been our pastors, you've been our friends. Friends when we need, oh, we thank you. Yes, we thank you for all the things, all the things you've done. We thank you Jesus. We thank you Jesus. We thank you Jesus for our friends. Oh, we thank you. Yes, we thank you. We thank you again, again and again. Thank you." And so with that little diddy there, I would like to also say a prayer. We just want to know how much we appreciate you and thank you so much for three centuries plus 27.5 of service. Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks for each one here. We ask that you continue to bless them and that you continue to lead them and guide them and give them the strength, oh God, to continue to serve, oh God, where you have called them to serve. We thank you, oh God, that you have seen them through all kinds of trials and tribulations and situations. But Lord, they kept their focus on you and they kept going through the hard places and dry places and arid places. And Lord, they stayed true to their call. So Lord, as they continue in this next phase of their ministry, we ask, oh God, that you just surround them with your love and your care. It's a Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Conrad concluded the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry with these words:

So what you've just witnessed is the lifecycle of a preacher. We've seen the eggs, we've seen the chickens, and now those that have gone on the roost. But there's one step we haven't seen, and that is the inception, the calling that God has placed on our lives. So if you're experiencing that calling, you'll have a chance to respond to that this evening, during the ordination, when they give you an opportunity to come. If you experience or feel like the tugging of God in your heart to come forward, you'll have that opportunity this evening. But as I prepare to exit stage left, I do want to take the time to thank all of those division chairs that have made my job so easy and for Ali, for keeping me organized even against my will for getting us to this point. So, Bishop, this concludes the Board of Ordained Ministry report.

Amen. God bless you.



This concluded the report from the Board of Ordained Ministry. Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to accept the report; the report was accepted.**

Rev. Dr. Van Stinson offered the following prayer concern for Mr. Desmond Dunn, former lay delegate from Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge, as he recovers from bone marrow transplant. Rev. Stinson also invited Mr. Howard Hines, Chair of the Wesley Center Board of Directors, to make an announcement.

Mr. Hines announced that Mrs. Roseanne Borland has stepped down as Wesley Center director, so if you see her, please thank her for her many years of service and dedication to the Wesley Center. Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Wayne Prejean to offer a prayer for these voiced concerns.

At this time, interview videos from retirees, Rev. Valla Johnson and Rev. Lamar Chris Curry, were presented. Bishop Williamston adjourned the Conference for a 15-minute break.

BREAK

Returning from break, Bishop Williamston called upon Mr. Gabriel Guillory, Ms. Connor Dean, and Mr. Joseph LeBoeuf to make a presentation on behalf of Louisiana Conference youth. Here is their presentation:

Hi everyone!! My name is Gabriel Guillory and I am the Youth Intern at St. John's United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Summer Tour was created last year by youth directors in the Baton Rouge area that came together to plan collaborative group programming for the youth. Summer Tour is an opportunity to meet other youth groups in the area, grow your faith together, and connect in unique ways.

Each week throughout the summer, a church hosts Summer Tour. Last night St. John's hosted Summer Tour here at Annual Conference. Following the theme of Annual Conference, the devotional was all about hope and moving forward with hope. For an activity, we asked the students what gives hope and to look through magazines to make a collage that can be seen here. The collage was attached to the exclamation point of the HoPE letters and is on display in the main hallway.

My name is Joseph LeBoeuf, Youth and Young Adult Director at University UMC, Baton Rouge. Before the pandemic, our approach to Conference Youth Ministry had remained largely unchanged for many years. I grew up in the Louisiana Annual conference youth ministry. It worked for that time and season but this is a new time. A new season and we need a new approach. As we look forward, our teenagers are brimming with hope and the desire to move forward with new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm.

The real questions we have to ask ourselves are the questions Bishop Williamston asked us yesterday: Do we want to keep sitting on our mat for the next 38 years? Do we want to keep doing the same thing expecting different results? Or do we WANT to be made well? It's one thing to say that we support our young people and keep sitting on our mats, doing nothing about it. I thought about also laying down on the stage for this part but I think I'll leave that for the Bishop. However, it's another thing entirely to place our time, effort, and resources towards supporting our young people who are not JUST the future of the church but are also the Church RIGHT NOW. Do we WANT to be made well?

Our first step is to form a strategic task force composed of dedicated youth workers who are passionate about collaborative ministry. This task force will be at the forefront of dreaming and planning for the future of youth ministry in the Louisiana Annual Conference. We envision a ministry that is dynamic, inclusive, and deeply impactful.

But we cannot do this alone. We need individuals who are ready to step up, share their insights, and work together to shape the future of our Conference Youth Ministry. We need people of all gender identities, sexualities, neurodiversity, and bodily ability so that we can model to our young people, that whoever they are, there is a place for them here. If you have a passion for

youth work and a desire to make a meaningful difference, we invite you to join us on this exciting journey.

Right now, if you are on staff at a church who works with young people, I want you to take out your phone. You have the opportunity to be part of something truly transformative. On the screen behind me, you'll see a QR code. I encourage each of you to scan it and fill out the short contact form. This is your chance to be involved in shaping a ministry that will inspire and uplift the next generation.

While they're filling that out, I want to speak to the rest of the room for a second on behalf of youth pastors, if I may. If you're not on a church staff and you feel the pull on your heartstrings to support our youth, I have an assignment. On our lunch break, not tomorrow, not next week, but during the upcoming lunch break, call your youth pastor or children's pastor and ask how can I volunteer to help our young people? If you're at a church that doesn't have a dedicated staff person, call your pastor, leave a voicemail, and ask how you can help out young people in the interim or help find a dedicated staff person.

Do YOU want to help us move our church forward with hope?

I pose the questions again: Do we want to keep sitting on our mat for the next 38 years? Do we want to keep doing the same thing expecting different results? Or do we WANT to be made well?

Thank you.



Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Ann Sutton, retired Associate Member, who is creating a piece of art in real time during the Conference. A silent auction has already begun, with the proceeds going into the Conference Youth Ministry fund.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Dr. Van Stinson, Assistant to the Bishop & Director of Connectional Ministries, to present the report from the Strategic Organizational Review Committee. Dr. Stinson gave the following report:

Shortly after her arrival in January of last year, Bishop Williamston began asking what we have come to know as "curious questions."

"I'm curious," she would often begin, and then she would ask a probing question intended to help her come to understand better this new mission field to which she had been assigned.

A series of curious questions about structure and process led us to where we are today.

The first six months of Bishop Williamston's assignment were consumed with disaffiliation related matters. In May of last year, we navigated the final group of churches who chose to depart through disaffiliation.

We gathered in this very space one year ago, smaller in number, but with greater clarity and purpose, around the power of HōPE!, to shape our identity in Christ, to restore our Wesleyan purpose, and strengthen our shared commitment to #BEUMC.

And we discovered that sometimes HōPE! speaks more clearly while wearing dog tags and combat boots.

In early Fall of 2023, Bishop Williamston called for a Strategic Organizational Review of the Louisiana Conference, and Dr. John Wimberly was selected as the consultant to guide us in the initial stages of this process. (Virtual message from Dr. John Wimberly was presented at this point)

In October of last year, Conference staff and conference leaders were interviewed individually. Eleven (11) Conference-wide focus groups engaging approximately 110 clergy and laity throughout the Conference were held virtually, and additional interviews and conversations provided Dr. Wimberly with the essential information to begin his initial analysis. Follow up conversations were scheduled for further clarity and purpose.

In December, Dr. Wimberly submitted his initial draft report to the Bishop containing context, methodology, focus group results, and an extensive list of recommendations covering all aspects of the focus group insights and findings. In order to gain additional focused feedback and clarity on some best next steps in the larger process of strategic reorganization, Bishop Williamston convened a group, that has come to be known as the Strategic Implementation Team, to review the report, provide some initial feedback, and help guide the work moving forward.

The Strategic Implementation Team met virtually with Dr. Wimberly, and then met in person with the Extended Cabinet. Out of those meetings, it was determined that a summary report would be helpful to the next stage of the process, as it would provide a set of focused recommendations that were most reflective of the clear priorities that emerged throughout the process

The summary report was included in the Pre-Conference Report on page 28, and the additional context, methodology, focus group results, and larger recommendations for possible consideration were included in the Pre-Conference Supplement beginning on page 15. I trust everyone has taken the opportunity to read and review the information contained in both. This information is not intended to be the answer to the question, “what should we do?”, but rather this report is designed to guide and direct our conversations and our strategic decisions over the next 12-24 months.

Which brings us to today.

It is important to remember that the primary focus of this process is organizational restructure. That process will include a series of decisions and steps, each of them related to the other, some already clear, and others yet to be discovered; all of them intended to help us move forward with HōPE! as we build, connect and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Two specific recommendations will come before the conference shortly requiring a vote. Additional recommendations will be offered inviting the conference into the conversation around specific areas of mission and ministry. You just received one of those invitations from our Conference Youth to join them in conversation about our preferred future.

The first will be a report related to District realignment. Dr. Tom Dolph will present this report. The recommendations build upon the work of the District Study Task Force formed in 2020-2021, whose work was suspended prior to implementation due to the pandemic and the long dark night of disaffiliation.

The second will be a report from the Nominations Committee asking to suspend the rules and allow their report, which includes a reduced slate of nominees, to be approved, giving space for the Strategic Implementation Team to do its best work in the coming year, while ensuring that the basic administrative and missional work continues uninterrupted and aligns with The Book of Discipline. .

The remaining recommendations are intended to assist the Strategic Implementation Team in their work while engaging teams in specific areas, where important missional decisions will be required in the future: Youth ministry, campus ministry, camps, and strategic staffing. The Louisiana Conference has contracted with the General Council on Finance & Administration, to do a complete Human Resources (HR) review and staffing study, to work with the Strategic Implementation Team over the next year as we live into our new reality, as we adjust our structure, as we align our budgets, and as we focus primarily on mission and ministry that aligns with the purpose and vision to build, connect, and equip.

At the heart of this entire process is communication. And how we communicate this ongoing work, as well as how we continue to tell the story of what God is doing in our midst, will be vital and essential to keeping us focused on what is most important. We are moving forward with HOPE, and as my favorite modern day theologian, Jelly Roll says:

“The windshield is bigger than the rear view mirror for a reason. It doesn’t matter what you’ve been through, or what you’re going through, you just got to keep moving, keep moving forward.”

Bishop, this concludes our report, and it is now before the body.

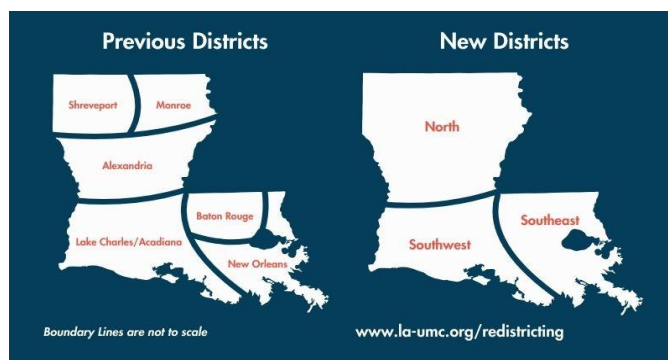


Bishop Williamston called for the **vote to accept the report of the Strategic Implementation Team; the report was accepted.** Bishop Williamston then invited the members of the team to be introduced and recognized. The members are:

Rev. Katie Black	Rev. Weldon Bares	Rev. K.C. Roberson
Rev. Sonya Lars	Rev. Marissa Horvath (with son, Ethan)	
Mrs. Britney Winn Lee	Rev. Dr. J.C. Richardson	Rev. Drew Sutton
Rev. Derrick Hills	Mrs. Jennifer Swann	

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Joseph Awotwi to offer a prayer for these team members and for their continuing work, service, and leadership.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, Conference Secretary, to present the report from the Appointive Cabinet that is found beginning on page 33 of the Pre-Conference Report. This report deals with the Consolidation of Districts, and the replacement of Conference Rules and Structure Article 5 – Districts. The Cabinet is recommending that the Louisiana Conference be reduced from six (6) districts (Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles-Acadiana, Monroe, New Orleans, & Shreveport) to three (3) districts (North, Southeast, and Southwest).



Dr. Dolph concluded his report, and moved for the adoption of the proposed District Realignment. The Bishop asked if there were any questions concerning this report. There being no questions, Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to approve and adopt the report; the report was approved and adopted.**

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Todd Rossnagel to present the report from the Communications Department. Before presenting the report, Rev. Rossnagel thanked those who are working with him during Annual Conference - Rev. Heather Sullivan, Mr. Mark Lambert, and Rev. Van Stinson & Rev. Ali Young who worked with him during General Conference. He also recognized Mr. William Willoughby as the “star” of the Communications Department. The full Communications report can be found on page 140 of the Pre-Conference Report. Rev. Rossnagel gave the following report:

I stand before you today with a deep sense of purpose and commitment.

Communication - Storytelling - is not just a job for me; as some of you know, it is my passion.

As your Director of Communications, I am here to serve you—the pastors and lay leaders of the Louisiana Conference.

It is an honor and a privilege to support the vital work you do every day in your communities.

I've been in this job for eight beautiful years and there was a great foundation built for the Department of Communications when I began in 2016 — and we've continued to build on that foundation — one brick at a time — and just like a good bricklayer, you begin to ask the question, what more can we do? We can always improve, right?

As a sports fan, one thing I've learned is that we as fans are never satisfied with success — winning season? Sure. Go undefeated next season. Undefeated? Sure repeat. Back to back championships ? Threepeat.

The American culture is never satisfied with “just success”

We are called to consistently IMPROVE - but I think it's deeper than that - we are really called on to INNOVATE.

Allow me to use a metaphor that is also the bane of my existence - pet hair, specifically the hair of two golden retrievers who live with us.

Rizzo and Ivy.



And even more specifically - the VACUUMING OF SAID PET HAIR.

Yeah - cute - but you don't live with them.

Don't ask ME why we have TWO golden retrievers — ask Jennifer Rossnagel why we have two golden retrievers.

When we vacuum, guess what - we sit down, look at the floor and its back - in fact, you stare at these two and you can just see hair flying into the air...

Now all good metaphors fall apart at some point and I think we are already there — but keep going right?

In the world of communications - we consistently ask ourselves what can we do to improve.

And improvement is fine - but it's not the best goal.

The best goal is IMPROVEMENT's COUSIN - another I word - INNOVATION.

Improvements are small, incremental changes better in some ways. They're typically low-cost, low-risk ideas that can be implemented by the people doing the work all day, every day.

Improvement is usually aligned with the question: "How can we do this better?"

INNOVATION starts with the same question, but there's a follow up - how can we do this better, and how can we do this in a whole new way, to achieve significantly better results?

Innovative ideas are groundbreaking, far-reaching, significant changes.

IN other words, innovation is improving improvement.

And in the world of two golden retrievers, the improvement is to sweep every day.

The innovation? A robotic vacuum that empties itself and vacuums 9 times a day.

*So - how do we INNOVATE communications?
Communications in The Louisiana Conference?
Communications FOR The Louisiana Conference?*

If you ever find yourself awake at 2am, know that a tall guy who serves as Director of Communications is likely awake at 2am, thinking about this very thing.

Sometimes - we innovate and create wonderful things.

Take for instance - this - the Air Bishop logo.



It started with a simple idea - we need an image that speaks about moving forward.

We Googled MOVING FORWARD and saw a bunch of results.

Then it occurred to me - we got a photo of Bishop Williamston picking up her mat last year - we could use that image.

But keep thinking. Improve the improvement.

Then I looked at the image - a lot.

Then I saw my son playing NBA2K - and I saw the Air Jordan logo - then I looked back at the image - and then I texted William - what if we took this image and made it like this?

Then William did William things - and we had something.

Then we started printing it -

Then people started wanting it -

Then we put it on t-shirts. And tumblers - and stickers - and all sorts of things.

It started with a simple question - that led to an image — that we improved but then we innovated.

But with the right tools, which includes a video game obsessed son - and Photoshop, specifically content aware tool, we did a thing.

Bishop Williamston has been reminding us all week — move forward with hope, MOVE FORWARD.

Wednesday morning, Bishop Williamston quoted the Steve Miller Band — and Van just mentioned JellyRoll! So, since we are quoting bands, allow me to quote Wilco.

Jeff Tweedy writes this —

“What you once were isn’t what you want to be anymore.”

He sings it with visceral passion - and if you know his story, you know he is seeking change in his life, not just improvement — but INNOVATION.

Because he’s asking “How can I improve the improvement?”

How can I do this thing called life in a whole new way because what I once was isn't what I want to be anymore.

Friends, the communicator I was in 2016 is not the same communicator I want to be anymore.

Now - some of you might be saying - dude - just send your Louisiana NOW emails, fix the web site, take good photos, post social media things - ya'll are overthinking this.

I've been guilty of overthinking a lot in my life - just ask my wife.

But I suspect you too want to see a communications department that seeks innovation.

I don't suspect it - I read it.

COMMUNICATION is a word that came up a lot - now I suspect it was a word that means much more than the DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, but know that the DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS is just that - so I feel every word of what you said.

As I mentioned earlier — up at 2am — thinking how to innovate and solve the issues?

Your feedback in the strategic organizational review was a reminder of just how crucial innovation is in helping our communications team evolve into a full-fledged communications department. We hear you.

And your feedback doesn't surprise those of us who innovate — because innovation has no finish line.

In addition to the call for more communication, we've heard your desire for more robust training. Inspired by the concept of "Small is the New Big," which emphasizes the importance of localized, context-specific training, we can apply the same approach to communications training here in the Louisiana Conference. Innovation might mean more communications training itself - helping YOU learn what's in our crazy brains. I've had several opportunities to sit and train with many of you, and I can tell you it's an absolute passion of mine. There is nothing more fulfilling than helping others grow and succeed in their roles through effective communication.

I want to thank Bishop Williamston for her continued support of our efforts — but more specifically how she asks me a question.

IT'S FUNNY HOW BOTH VAN AND I ARE MENTIONING THE WAY IN WHICH Bishop Williamston ASKS A QUESTION, BECAUSE WE HAVE BOTH EXPERIENCED IT.

If I had a dime for every time she said, "So I'm curious..." that's how she starts — and it's that start — with curiosity — that leads to innovation.

Friends - we have a curious bishop - and what a joy that is for a storyteller.

I learned a lot at General Conference - I learned that we have the best communications department in the denomination - we rocked - cranking out tons of content, over 35 videos, it was a lot of work, hard work, two weeks of hard work, but work that was needed and also incredibly rewarding.

I also noticed that we have one of the smallest departments of communications — we have a pretty good QB, a star Wide Receiver, but it sure would be nice to have another few pieces to the offense. Maybe a good running back to do something more than deep bombs downfield. How can our communications improve the improvement? How can we innovate, while knowing that innovation has no finish line?

How can we build, connect, and equip the Communications Department to help YOU build, connect, and equip Disciples of Christ.

I'll leave that to the days ahead - and to folks way above my pay grade, but know that we are constantly seeking to innovate, listening to Wilco (William will tell you) and now you know what I do when I get home — emptying the robotic vacuum. Bishop, this concludes my report.



Bishop Williamston thanked Rev. Rossnagel for his report, and then **called for the vote to accept the report from the Communications Department; the report was accepted.**

Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, Conference Secretary, revised the agenda for the sessions today, by moving the report from the Nominations Committee until the afternoon session. At that time, the Conference will elect a new Chancellor, so Rev. Dolph returned the floor to the Bishop for a time of recognition for outgoing Chancellor, Mr. George “Buzzy” Anding.

Mr. Anding’s tenure has been marked by significant contributions, including his election in 2021 as President-Elect of the United Methodist Church Conference Chancellors Association. Anding has had previous roles as the Louisiana Annual Conference Lay Leader and as an elected lay delegate to the quadrennial United Methodist Church General and Jurisdictional Conferences on three occasions.

Reflecting on Mr. Anding’s service, Bishop Williamston remarked, “We extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. Buzzy Anding for his twelve years of dedicated service as Chancellor. His unwavering commitment and leadership have been a blessing. We thank him for his invaluable contributions.”

Bishop invited Rev. John Cannon to pray and invited the Conference to extend their hands over Mr. Anding during the prayer. Mr. Anding was presented a gift from the Louisiana Conference for his many years of service. Mr. Anding then thanked the Conference for the opportunity to serve as Chancellor, and hopes to continue in service for many years to come.



Bishop Williamston invited Dr. Chris Holomon, President, Centenary College to present their report. Dr. Holomon began by stating that he was happy to be presenting the report from Centenary College on the same day as the Conference Youth presentation, as he has great belief and hope in the youth of today. Dr. Holomon then asked all Centenary College alums and anyone who had a family member attend Centenary College to please stand for recognition. The full report from Centenary College can be found on pages 176-178 of the Pre-Conference Report. Dr. Holomon went on to highlight a few areas of interest:

1. Announcements coming in the fall of 2024 concerning new initiatives, including a new workforce program
2. The athletic department continues to grow and improve
3. The Centenary Choir continues to tour not only nationally, but internationally
4. Archives Department advancing the ways in which our church records are stored
5. 2025 will be the centennial of the founding of Centenary College, the oldest private Liberal Arts college west of the Mississippi River; a calendar of events is forthcoming
6. The Dollars for Scholars scholarship program and the Centenary Affordability Pledge, continue to provide ways for any student who is interested in attending Centenary, the means to do so



In concluding his report, Dr. Holomon thanked the Louisiana Conference for its continued support, and thanked Bishop Williamston for the opportunity to speak to the Conference. This concluded the report from Centenary College, and Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to accept the report; the report was accepted.**

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Hebert Brisbon, Chaplain, Dillard University to present their report. Joining Rev. Brisbon, was Ms. Stephanie Rogers, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. The full report from Dillard University can be found on pages 179-180 of the Pre-Conference Report. Rev. Brisbon began by asking anyone who has a connection with Dillard University to please stand for recognition, and then presented his report.

Greetings to the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Praise the Lord, Saints! What an honor it is to stand before you today. I, Reverend Herbert Brisbon, University Chaplain at Dillard University, I have standing with me Stephanie Rogers, Executive Vice President of Advance Development.

Dillard University is a historically Black institution that cultivates leaders who live ethically, think and communicate precisely, and act courageously to make the world a better place.

We stand to bring you greetings on behalf of Dr. Rochelle L. Ford, the 8th President of Dillard University, and the entire Dillard University community. Though Dr. Ford could not be here in person, her spirit of leadership and commitment to excellence resonates deeply within our hearts.

We extend our profound gratitude to you, Bishop Delores J. Williamston, for your unyielding vision and leadership. You have inspired us to rise, to take up our beds, and to walk forward in faith and determination.

1. Hope in Despair: God's Restoration

Last year, Bishop, you challenged us to take up our mats and walk. This past year has not been without its trials and tribulations. We faced moments that tested our resolve and stretched our faith. Yet, we hold fast to the promise that in our deepest despair, God is our restorer. He lifts us from the valley of despair to the mountain of hope. As we navigate these uncertain times, we are reminded that God's power to restore is ever-present and unfailing. We move forward with the hope that every trial is but a testimony in the making.

2. Hope in Brokenness: God's Healing

This year has also brought moments of brokenness, moments that could have shattered our spirits. But we serve a God who specializes in mending the brokenhearted. He takes our pieces and makes us whole again. This theme, "Moving Forward with Hope," calls us to trust in God's healing power. Whether it's personal struggles or communal challenges, we believe that God is in the business of restoration. As we push forward, we carry with us the hope that God will mend every fracture, heal every wound, and bring us into a season of wholeness and peace.

3. Hope in Hatred: God's Love

In a world where hearts can become iced over with hatred, we are called to be vessels of God's love. Our hope is that those cold, hardened hearts will be thawed and set ablaze with the fire of Christ's love. This love knows no bounds, transcending every barrier and reaching into the darkest places. As we embrace this theme of "Moving Forward with Hope," let us commit to being beacons of love, spreading warmth and compassion in every corner of our community. We believe that this divine love will conquer hatred and bring about a transformative change.

Let us celebrate the legacy of Bishop William Talbot Handy, Jr., a distinguished graduate of Dillard University, class of 1948. As we revitalize the Handy-Norris Servant Leadership Academy, we are reminded that hope has the power to thaw hearts once iced over with hatred, replacing it with a burning desire to share the love of Christ in this season. In the words of Bishop Handy, "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state." As we embark on this journey of hope, let us be that conscience, speaking truth to power and standing firm in our faith.

In closing, let us celebrate the support and unity of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. We look forward to reconnecting with the university and the broader community. Together, we move forward with hope—Hope that heals the hurting, hope that harmonizes the divided, and hope that brings happiness to the heavy-hearted. May we move forward with hope, knowing that through God's grace and our unity, we will overcome all obstacles and create a future filled with promise and possibility. Hallelujah and Amen!

In 2024, Newell United Methodist Church closed, but its 155-year legacy is much more than precious memories. Dr. Rev. Van Stinson announced that the proceeds from the sale of the property will be forwarded to Dillard University in New Orleans, which will use the funds for repairs to Lawless Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Stinson, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Connectional Ministries, and Rev. Karli Pidgeon, District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts, presented Dillard with a check for \$310,000, which "was exactly the amount they needed" for repairs, Pidgeon said.



From L to R: Rev. Karli Pidgeon, Rev. Herbert A. Brisbon, III, Chaplain at Dillard University, Bishop Delores J. Williamston, Stephanie Rogers, Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Dillard University

"If that ain't a God thing, I don't know what is!" Pidgeon exclaimed as delegates rose to their feet and applauded.

Newell was founded in 1869 by the missionary society of the Methodist-Episcopal Church. Its mission was to educate African-American students to become ministers. The church struggled in recent years, especially through COVID. "They recognized that their missional life was coming to an end," Pidgeon said. "They made the difficult decision to move forward and hope in a new way and with a new reality by closing their church." The membership had asked the Louisiana Conference to "use the funds from the sale of the church and property for the purpose for which the church was founded – the education of children, particularly children of color", Pidgeon said.

Meanwhile, UMC-affiliated Dillard University had made a capital funds request to repair the chapel, which suffered extensive damage from Hurricane Ida. Ms. Stephanie Rogers, Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Dillard, accepted the gift to the school with a wide smile and shouts of "Halleluiah!"

Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to accept the report from Dillard University; the report was accepted.** She then invited Mrs. Margaret Washington to offer a prayer for our colleges, their presidents, their students, and their alums.

Bishop Williamston then invited Dr. Lee Butler, President, Iliff School of Theology, to present his report. The full report can be found on page 188 of the Pre-Conference Report. Dr. Butler began by thanking Bishop Williamston for the invitation to speak the Conference. He then stated:

Good morning to all. Allow me to begin by first thanking Bishop Williamston for the invitation and the privilege of addressing this gathering of the saints. I greet you in the wonderful, matchless, magnificent name of Jesus, and of the Iliff of School of Theology. I am the Reverend Dr. Lee Hayward Butler, Jr. African-American, he, him, and seasoned Saint. I am the 17th president of the Iliff School of Theology. You now know my name and my affiliation, but I know your next question is, "who are your people?" I was born in Pennsylvania and raised in southern culture. My people are from North Carolina and Georgia. The Methodists have two point charges, but my family heritage is two Sunday a month, churches, Baptist and Methodist, but Pentecostal is also a part of my family DNA.

After 30 years of being a classroom professor of pastoral care, the spirit of the Lord transplanted me to the foothills of the majestic Rocky Mountains to make new history at Iliff Theological Seminary. We at Iliff witness daily, along with the psalmist, as we look at the snowcapped mountains, "where does our help come from?" And our answer, like the Psalmist, "our help comes from the Lord who created heaven and earth". I am here to reintroduce Iliff as a theological institution of the United Methodist Church, where we at Iliff advocate freedom. We live in a world where people are bound, body, mind, and spirit. At Iliff, we advocate the day of Jubilee

to set the captive free. We advocate freedom. Without a vision, we know without a vision, people perish, and our people are perishing daily from a lack of knowledge. At Iliff, we teach to unstop ears and for the scales to be removed from eyes, so that everyone will know that the people of God are red, yellow, brown, black, and white. That all are present and precious in God's sight. We advocate freedom. Know that Iliff desires to support the ministries of the Louisiana Annual Conference; to support you with our prayers, our degrees, and our non-degree programs.

Remember, as you think of Iliff, what we declare to the world is this - we advocate freedom in a nation that seeks to make us unfree, we advocate freedom with those who have experienced a history of being unfree, we advocate freedom in a world that seeks to cover eyes and imprison everyone who doesn't believe a certain way, we advocate freedom. When you are thinking about preparing for ministry - ordained, lay, licensed - remember Iliff. Our arms are open; our doors are open to help you to fulfill your calling, so that you may also advocate freedom. Thank you.



Bishop Williamston called for the vote to accept the report from Iliff School of Theology; the report was accepted.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. John Gilmore, Chair of the Board of Discipleship, and Rev. Valla Johnson, Chair of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award Committee, to present the Harry Denman Evangelism Awards. Rev. Gilmore began by giving an overview of the award criteria:

The Harry Denman Evangelism Award program honors United Methodist in each annual conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism – expressed in Word, Sign, and Deed – brings people into a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

Evangelism happens in many contexts and many settings, impacts and engages all generations, and requires relationships among a variety of persons.

What distinguishes a Harry Denman Evangelism Award recipient is the commitment to consistently introduce others to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all ministry settings. Their ministry is exceptional for the number of new Christ-followers who credit encounters with this person as critical in helping to start or reignite their faith journey.

Since 1980, Annual Conferences and the Foundation for Evangelism, recognize one youth, one clergy and one layperson in each conference.

Friends, as we live into this new season of HOPE, I want to invite you to look at your friends in your congregations – who are your natural greeters, those folks who welcome and make newcomers feel at home – they are being evangelists. What about the young person who is a spark plug in your youth group – bringing friends, helping organize service events where their friends participate – they are being evangelists. Is your church growing? If you are seeing new visitors, and people joining your church – then your Pastor is enabling and practicing evangelism, and we invite you to nominate them for next year's Harry Denman award.

Rev. Valla Johnson, chair of the Harry Denman Award committee presented the 2024 awards to:

Youth recipient: *Mr. Nicholas Doine – Nick is a member of Pineville UMC. He has served on the staff of the Louisiana Happening for the last four (4) Happenings, and as chairperson of the Happening Steering Committee for two (2) years. Nick serves as the Rector (youth leader of the Happening weekend). He initiated an on-line registration process for the Louisiana Happening, and wrote an article for the LA NOW promoting the event. Nick prepares and delivers sermons on Youth Sunday. He proudly represents Christ outside of the church, and volunteers at Manna House (St. Mark's food ministry), Delta Grace Mission, Central Louisiana Food Bank, Alexandria Foster Closet, Salvation Army, Main Street Mission, Alpine Fire Department, and Hope On The Reservation. Accepting the award for Mr. Doine is Mrs. Carolyn Dove.*

Lay recipient: *Mrs. Jan Cooke – Jan is a member of Asbury UMC in Lafayette, LA. She never misses an opportunity to share God's love. Jan leads the Community Outreach program at Asbury. She is responsible for "Pearls of Faith", a ministry to women. She is also the coordinator of Asbury's annual Spring Fair for the community. Jan reminds the church family of the power of invitation to people who have no church home. Jan sees Asbury as a "neighborhood church" serving, gathering, and connecting people throughout their mission field. She has a special gift for communicating her faith to people who are new to Methodism, or who have had past negative experiences in church environments. Jan is able to evangelize in both word and song, and served as the church's pianist. She leads activities such as gifting elderly nursing home residents with Valentine cards, collecting school uniforms for the local school board, and coats for the United Methodist Children's Homes. Backpacks are also filled with school supplies for homeless children in the Lafayette community.*

Clergy recipient: *Rev. Debra Keller – Rev. Debra Keller (Roberts UMC and St. Luke's UMC, Greenwell Springs) strives to make worship meaningful for young and old through various forms of worship. She offers worship services at the local park, which is open to all people, particularly on Easter and Mother's Day. Her church partners with the ecumenical group, Helping Hands, to spread God's gifts to others. The church participated in Back to School Blessings, where food, drinks, and backpacks were distributed to children in the community. During the same event, fifty-five (55) Walmart gift cards were awarded to help families with other back-to-school costs. During Christmas, the church hosts "Breakfast with Santa" for the community, offering a hot breakfast and free pictures with Santa Claus. One of the churches that she pastors partnered with other churches to host a Martin Luther King "day of service". The church participated in a "Brazil Family Benefit" to raise over \$1000 for a family that lost everything in a fire. During the Jackson, MS water supply crisis, Rev. Keller and members of her church delivered over 200 cases of bottled water. The youth of the church have participated in Habitat for Humanity, and delivered socks and blankets to a local nursing home. Rev. Keller has a compassionate spirit and love of others.*



Carolyn Dove (left) is accepting for Nicholas Doine, Jan Cooke, Rev. Debra Keller, Bishop Williamston

Bishop Williamston invited Mrs. Jennifer Swann to offer a prayer for these award recipients and for their continuing work and service.

Bishop Williamston invited Mr. Chris Spencer, President, United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana to the podium. Mr. Spencer, along with Mrs. Kelly Johannessen, Foundation Director of Communications, held the drawing for the \$500 Ministry Grant, and the winner was Mr. Robert Kurtz, Mt. Zion UMC, Montgomery.

Rev. Dr. Van Stinson offered the following concerns:

- 1) Ms. Cheryl Alexander, NO District Lay Delegate, fell last evening and is currently receiving medical attention.
- 2) Rev. Karl Klaus, Amite UMC and incoming North District DS, asked for prayers for the Brunett family of Loranger, as Callie Brunett was found dead in her home, and her two (2) daughters have been abducted. An Amber Alert was just issued, and received by most in attendance.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Weldon Bares to offer a prayer for these voiced concerns.

Bishop Williamston adjourned the Conference for lunch until 1:30 pm.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hilton Hotel Capitol Center Riverview Ballroom
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Opening Music

I Will Follow

Welcome

Rev. Emily Carroll

Processional Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Reading of Psalm 23

Adapted from Psalm 23 and Will the Darkness Win?:
A Maundy Thursday Peace and Justice Litany

Ms. Olivia Pruett

Ms. Pruett: *Allow the ancient words of the 23rd Psalm, in an adapted litany, to comfort our hearts as we respond with the audacious hope found in the Risen Christ.*

The Lord is my Shepherd, we shall not want. God makes us lie down in green pastures; God leads us beside still waters; God restores our souls. God leads us in the paths of righteousness for God's namesake.

Congregation: We remember, O Savior, that you stepped into death, oppression, and hopelessness, thereby giving us hope, liberation, and full life, both now and forever.

Ms. Pruett: *Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil; for you are with us; your rod and your staff they comfort us.*

Congregation: We remember, Suffering Servant, that before you conquered hell, you experienced hell. We can trust you as our Light, because you have been with us in the most extreme darkness.

Ms. Pruett: *You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies; you anoint our heads with oil; our cup overflows. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.*

Congregation: We remember this day, Son of God and son of Mary, your last gathering with friends. We remember that before eternal life and before the grave that it conquered, there was a meal, intimacy with God, and a commission to love the world as you have loved the world. Amen.

Reflection on Remembering

Bishop Delores J. Williamston

Reading of the Names

Rev. John Edd Harper & Rev. Ashley McGuire

Rev. Harper: *We bear witness to those who have gone before us paving a faithful witness of Christ in the world we live.*

Rev. McGuire: *We have been blessed by their faithful presence in the midst of chaos, their creativity that inspired the next generation, their wisdom calming a confusing world, their example of following the risen Christ.*

Congregation: We bear witness to their faithfulness with our own lives, hoping that the Love of Christ they knew and shared, moves through us.

Rev. Harper: *Let us join our voices together, witnessing to the blessing of these we name, signaling that their life lives on in the eternal embrace of God's wondrous love.*

Rev. McGuire: *Let us join in spirit, allowing God's Holy Spirit to comfort our hearts in the loss we know and memories we hold.*

Congregation: Let us be witnesses to the wonder of God's love that is with the brokenhearted, those who mourn and those who remember.

Rev. Harper: *As we share the names of the saints of the Louisiana Annual Conference who have gone before us, you are invited to raise a hand or stand in honor of the one whose life touched yours.*

Rev. McGuire: *In this holy and sacred moment, let us be witnesses of God's faithfulness throughout all generations.*

Rev. Harper & Rev. McGuire: *We remember the Clergy:*

Rev. Kenneth Wallace Holt
Rev. James Walter Jones
Rev. Leslie P. Norris, Jr.
Rev. James Claud "JC" Skinner
Rev. Theo S. "Ted" Standley
Rev. John Murray Winn, Jr.

Rev. Harper & Rev. McGuire: *We remember the Clergy Spouses:*

Margurite Ruth Reeves Carter
Willie Nell Johnson
Ulysses Joseph
Yoo Soon Lee
Lois Wheeler Lueg
Mary Ann McClain

Congregation: We are blessed to witness the faithfulness of these we name. May the Spirit of God comfort our hearts as we give thanks for their lives. Amen.

Song of Blessing	<i>Blessed to Be a Witness</i>	
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 15:35-44 & 49	Rev. Derrick D. Hills
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Dolph
Closing Songs	<i>His Eye Is on the Sparrow</i> <i>Rev. Greaselda Bickham, soloist</i>	
	<i>Great is Their Faithfulness</i>	
Sending Forth		Bishop Delores J. Williamston

The Service of Remembrance can be viewed in its entirety on the Louisiana Conference website at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MfTsGrQFP0> starting at 5:15:00.

Rev. Tom Dolph gave the 2024 Annual Conference's Memorial Service sermon. Rev. Dolph's message centered on the themes of loss, resurrection, and hope, inspired by 1 Corinthians 15:35-44.

This passage, which discusses the resurrection of the dead and the transformation from physical to spiritual bodies, provided a foundation for his reflections on mortality and the eternal life promised through Christ. Rev. Dolph, who celebrates his own retirement at this year's Annual Conference, began by sharing a personal anecdote from his college days, illustrating the awkwardness and challenges of finding the right words in the face of death.



This story set the stage for his central question: "What happens to us after they die?" He aimed to help everyone, including the families, navigate grief by acknowledging pain and exploring how all of us can continue living meaningfully after the loss of loved ones.

"Though I didn't realize it then, that question still rings in my head every time I stand with people in the midst of death," said Rev. Dolph. "What can you say?" What words are appropriate? I'll confess that sometimes the right words come, and sometimes they don't."

The sermon emphasized the importance of remembering and honoring the deceased by recalling their stories and the impact they had on those around them. While sharing reflective and sometimes humorous stories, Rev. Dolph highlighted the necessity of communal support, reminding everyone that while grief is personal, no one grieves alone. Drawing from the 23rd Psalm, Rev. Dolph spoke of the "valley of the shadow of death" as not only a literal path, but a metaphorical cloud that hangs over those who have experienced loss. He reassured everyone that even in our darkest moments, we are not abandoned and can find renewal and strength through faith and community. Referencing John Wesley's sermon on resurrection, Rev. Dolph underscored the promise of perfect happiness and a harmonious relationship between body and spirit in the afterlife.

"Quite often, when I have heard and used those clichés about no more pain or disease in heaven, my mind was stuck on the things I have experienced in my body," Rev. Dolph said. "Now another word comes to mind: freedom. What does a soul set free look like? Perhaps there is a foreshadowing of that visage in moments we can recall, as these servants were at their best aligning with the gifts and purposes God had given them."

Throughout his sermon, Rev. Dolph sought to balance the acknowledgment of loss with the celebration of the enduring spirit and contributions of those who have passed. He encouraged everyone to reflect on how the lives of the departed have shaped and enriched their own, fostering a sense of gratitude and continuity.

"There is a part of us that is less because we have lost, but there is also a part of us that is greater than it could have been because of what they shared and how they shaped us," Rev. Dolph said. "What do we want how we live to say about how we were shaped by those whom have gone before?"

He concluded with a call to action for the living: to live in a way that honors the memory of those who have gone before, embodying the values and love they instilled. Rev. Dolph's words served as both a tribute and a challenge, urging everyone at Annual Conference to carry forward the legacy of their loved ones through their own lives and actions. Rev. Dolph reminded us that the ultimate message of Christianity is one of hope and resurrection. "While death is a part of life," he said, "It is not the end. The transformation promised through Christ offers a vision of eternal life, free from suffering, and filled with divine joy."

Thanks to the singers and musicians from Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge and St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and to Rev. Greaselda Bickham, for providing the music for the Memorial Service. This service was recorded and is available for viewing on the Louisiana Annual Conference website YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzwqN6lloGs>

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PLENARY SESSION III

Bishop Williamston opened Business Session III, by inviting Rev. Shawn Anglim, First Grace UMC, New Orleans, to open this session with a prayer.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Brady Whitton, Chair of the Delegation to General & Jurisdictional Conferences, and members of the Delegation, to present their report. The full report of the Louisiana Annual Conference Delegation, including the proposed *Worldwide Regionalization: Expressing Gratitude and Commitment to Next Steps* resolution can be found on pages 29-32 of the Pre-Conference Supplement. Rev. Whitton began by introducing the current and newly elected members of the Delegation. He commended the Bishop for her excellent recap of the legislation, but did want to highlight the three (3) items that require Constitutional Amendments that will come before Annual Conferences in 2025 for a 2/3 majority vote:

1. Stronger Anti-Racism language to Article V: Racial Justice
2. Adding the words "Gender and Ability" to Article IV: Inclusiveness of The Church
3. Worldwide Regionalization Plan, which creates regional areas, which, while holding to essential doctrinal and connectional standards, may make other context-specific ministry decisions for their region.

Rev. Whitton invited Rev. Katie McKay Simpson, University UMC, Baton Rouge to speak to the Regionalization Plan. Rev. Simpson, was part of the General Conference Legislative Committee on Conference Structures.



I come to you to bring this portion of our delegation report because I was Louisiana's representative on the Conferences legislative committee. In this work, we were referred all petitions & resolutions related to paragraphs in the Book of Discipline having to do with General, Jurisdictional, Annual Conference structure, and the constitutional provisions for Conference membership, affiliation and Boundaries. The work was consequential because it was a culmination of over 20 years, and since 2016 in particular, aiming to address what many United Methodists see as a longstanding problem limiting the denomination's missional effectiveness.

2008 - Constitutional Amendments on restructuring on a global scale failed when headed to Annual and Central Conferences.

2012 - Restructuring the church for more financial sustainability and nimbleness in our practice of ministry. Passed by the General Conference body, but was deemed unconstitutional by the Judicial Council by the GC adjournment.

Since then, other conversations took the foreground, but the need for a restructuring of our collective global life together was always there, existing and calling for deep attention under the surface. Through multiple failures, many in the center of leadership knew that we had to write a new story for the future of our life together, and we couldn't go about it the same way this time and expect different results. So, this is where the plan for Worldwide Regionalization comes in.



In the media, perhaps you have seen mention of a number of different contributing groups to this proposal.

*The **Connectional Table (CT)** comprises 64 committed individuals, charged to discern and articulate the church's vision, ensuring faithful stewardship of its mission, ministries, and resources as guided by the General Conference.*

Christmas Covenant Team (CCT) is an organic gathering of leaders outside of the US who came together with a proposal to organize for regional autonomy, and they ultimately worked with the **Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters (SCCCM)**, which is the official body of advocacy for central conferences on the final proposal brought to the floor of General Conference.

The Christmas Covenant included the Connectional Table's US Regional Conference legislation. In 2020, the CT voted to affirm the Christmas Covenant as "a vehicle for providing global regionalism in the UMC." In early 2023, with the encouragement of the Council of Bishops, the CT and the SCCCMM created a joint task force on regionalization.

United Methodists are experts at working in silos and there are generally turf wars in these processes, but the these usual firewalls between groups were torn down and we began collaborating for the sake of our Church—

...watching that was and continues to be nothing short of miraculous.

...our leaders globally can sense the unique moment in which we stand

...that the time is now, and the urgency is critical to make a move for a new chapter together.

Regionalization has been a reality in Central Conferences outside of the US , and they have already been living into it since its founding in 1968. It can feel too big to comprehend, which creates a situation where the possibility of passage is even more challenging. In my own life, when I find a concept or opportunity that is difficult to wrap my brain around, I often ask myself, or ask in collaboration with others, to break it down to a level that a 5th grader can understand. And the closest I've come to is this... We are all church folk and know how hard it is at times to make the most simple and seemingly mundane of decisions...let's take **changing the carpet in the sanctuary**, for instance. It is a feat of God sometimes to get the altar guild, the Trustees, and the Finance Committee to agree on an aesthetically pleasing, financially appropriate solution!

Now imagine every other church in LA being required to weigh in on that decision, too. This is the predicament we find ourselves in in the United States in particular and the United Methodist Church in general. We are bound by a process that won't appropriately allow Methodists in different parts of the world to make contextually appropriate decisions that they are specifically equipped to make.

So, this is where we get to the values, which drive this proposal, which will be coming to all of us for a vote in 2025:

Equity...

Decolonizing our mission

Respect for context

Preserving Agency

Allowing more Self-determination within the system.

The Values of Regionalization

- Equity between regions, de-centering the U.S.
- Decolonizing our mission, relationships, and structure
- Respect for contextual ministry settings
- Agency - power to make decisions and lead with integrity
- Self-determination within our Connectional system



Continuing on values,

- Unity
- Focus on Mission and Ministry
- Stewardship of all gifts in the life of the church in every part of the globe
- Maintaining our Wesleyan heritage in theological doctrine and polity

The Values of Regionalization

- Unity that is redefined and strengthened
- Focus on Mission & Ministry
- Stewardship of all gifts
- Maintaining our Wesleyan theological doctrine and identity

MOVING FORWARD WITH
HÖPE!

Forms 8 Regional Conference – the names are before you.

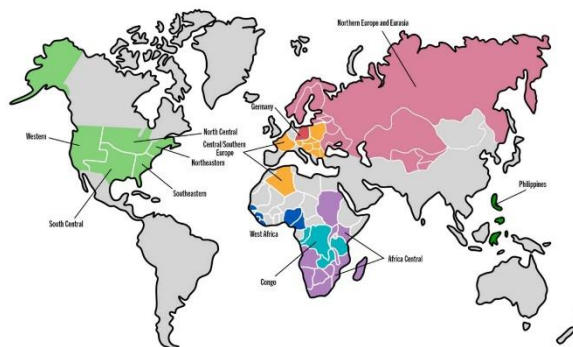
Worldwide Regionalization: What does it do?

Proposes the formation of 8 Regional Conferences. Each will have authority to maximize the effectiveness of their mission and ministry by adapting portions of the BOD based on their context and culture/s:

- Africa
- Congo
- West Africa
- Philippines
- Central and Southern Europe
- Northern Europe
- Germany
- United States

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For those who need a more visual presentation, it would look something like this.



You can see the eight regions...some of this may change slightly because of some shifts post General Conference in Nigeria and Eurasia, but this is the bird's eye view. Something to note—perhaps the most important point to note is knowing firmly what we will not be able to change. There is great misinformation about this that you may even encounter recently or over the next year, as forces inside and outside of our United Methodist Church continue to sow seeds of confusion, skepticism and mistrust in the body, to ensure that the successful passage of WWR doesn't happen. Be wary of that.

As to the question of what will NOT change,
 We will still maintain our structure, our doctrinal standards, and no region under this plan can create their own constitution or adopt any policy in violation of the constitution contained in the Global Book of Discipline. **These, among many other aspects of our life, will hold us together.**



On Page 31, we have actually included a flyer for you to copy and use in your congregations for those who may have questions along the way. Let it be a resource to you.



Rev. Simpson submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, we value a global United Methodist connection and wish for each region of the worldwide Church a structure that supports relevant and vibrant ministry, and

Whereas, we value the opportunity to restructure the UMC in ways that decolonize both polity and relationships, and

Whereas, we value the opportunity to restructure the UMC rooted in equity and respectful of missional context, and

Whereas, we value the example shared by the Apostle Paul, who established churches in diverse regions with shared beliefs alongside local and regional differences in structure, worship, and style best suited to particular contexts; and

Whereas, we are grateful to the many leaders around the globe who collaborated to provide a path to worldwide regionalization, and

Whereas, a shift to worldwide regionalization amends our UM Book of Discipline in ways that deserve high levels of support and command a two-step voting process, and

Whereas, the Louisiana Annual Conference delegates to General Conference held in 2024 worked faithfully alongside others in the United Methodist connection to help us take the first required step in the overall decision-making process,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Louisiana Annual Conference receives with joy the adoption of Worldwide Regionalization by the General Conference and accepts the responsibility of taking the important next steps necessary to complete the decision-making process.

Be it further resolved that the Louisiana Annual Conference commits to providing and participating in a variety of educational opportunities throughout the conference, over the next calendar year, ensuring that we are fully informed and prepared to engage in the final step of a ratification vote at Annual Conference in 2025.

The Council of Bishops has graciously offered to curate and provide educational resources for Annual Conferences can use over this next year for discernment, study and prayer. Having these resources will be a gift, but they will be worth little if we don't collectively commit to ownership, engagement, and openness to learning more so we can ALL make an informed decision about these and other amendments coming.

Adopting this resolution will allow us the opportunity, as a body, to build momentum across the connection and demonstrate our commitment to this effort to educate ourselves and our congregations. We have a real opportunity as we prepare to make our contribution to this global transformation of our church for such a time as this.

Bishop, this concludes our report.



Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to accept the report of the Delegation, including the resolution; the report and resolution were accepted.** Rev. Whitton brought to the attention of the Conference that Mr. Nettles Brown, Lay Member of the Delegation, was absent due to the passing of his son, Mr. Lesh Brown last week. Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Whitton to offer a prayer for the Brown family.

Bishop Williamston invited Ms. Jessica Trahan, Chair of the LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team, to present their report. The full report of the Ministry Team can be found on page 96 of the Pre-Conference Report Supplement. Ms. Trahan offered a prayer before presenting their report. Ms. Trahan, shared her feelings of how “spirit-filled” this Annual Conference has been, and this same spirit has directed the work of this ministry team, whose members are:

Friends, our wise servant leader reminded us this morning that this is holy and grace -filled work, and so I'm going to open us in prayer if you would join me. Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart and the meditations of all our hearts be pleasing and acceptable in your sight, for you are our strength and redeemer. Amen.

My name is my government name. This is Jessica Lauren Trahan. Bishop, you will get that, I promise. Female, white, no longer incompatible, layperson, serving in the Lake Charles Acadiana District, member of First United Methodist Church in downtown Lafayette, and director of Wesley United Campus Ministry. And I begrudgingly said yes to chairing this team. More importantly, most people just call me Jess. And as we were reminded this morning, in my father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am. And yes, you are.

Y'all, the last day and a half has been so spirit-filled, from the music to the messages to the grief shared and the hugs. And I've cried about 17 times. So from the pool party to 10 minutes ago, if I start crying, we're just going to roll with it. We've shifted how we talk about and through this report. This team assembled here said yes to the work with very little direction, as we knew we were going to have to wait for general conference to really guide our next steps. And yet they did.

I think we have a slide with everyone's names. There's a few that could not be here with us because most of us are lay folk that have work and jobs. And things that we can't escape necessarily. And yet we still said yes. Now technically, if you want to read this beautifully scripted report, through a technicality, we ended up on the very last page of the supplemental report, so you can find us at the tail end, page 96.



I will read some specifics because I think it's important that you know how important we took the guiding principles of this resolution. And what we want to live into in the most authentic way. So specifically, we had a three-fold scope of work. From the report specifically was first, to protect, affirm, and empower LGBTQIA plus people within the life and ministry of the churches of our conference. Particularly as laity and on boards and agencies. Friends, Psych 101 data says representation matters. So we're just going to live into that because we know the data. The data is true.

Second, creating, collecting, and sharing resources to equip and empower local churches to do ministry to and with people of the LGBTQIA plus community. Friends, we are not so dense that we don't realize our contexts and journeys are different. Monroe is not New Orleans. There are differing churches within the same communities, two miles apart, that live, and live in different ways. And yet we are one. We have been reminded of our connection time and time again in these last two days. And I ask us to live and breathe into that. The disconnect is not from lack of communication. The disconnect is because there is no connection. And it is up to us to rebuild and mend those connections. We are aware of that. As a team and beyond. And so just know, the work is varied. The work is many. But it is also individual.

And then finally, collaborating with other ministry-specific areas, particularly youth ministry, children's ministry, and campus ministry, in order to most effectively and safely minister to and with LGBTQIA plus people of all ages. The future is not when these kids can vote, or get married, or contribute to the next general fund at your church. The young people that you ask, "Where are they?" are watching us. Yes, the rules have changed, but what are we going to do with it? As a representative of campus ministry, I get some hard, very direct, and overly personal questions. All

the time. They are watching. And maybe they didn't grow up in our churches, but it is not possible to live in our context and not have heard about the mess that the United Methodist Church is enduring.

And yet here we are, moving forward together in hope, ready to be the Christian witness that we have been for decades and decades throughout the state of Louisiana. There is work to do.

*Now those are the specifics. I feel like the **why** of our work can only be communicated most honestly through our author's words. At the 2023 Annual Conference, Mr. Caleb Porter, director of music at First Hammond UMC, challenged delegates to approve his petition to create the ministry team, telling delegates that he could not serve in several capacities in the church because he is gay. Because of the General Conference's actions, the United Methodist Church is no longer a place of discrimination against LGBTQIA+ people, at least on paper. I invite Caleb to speak to the progress that has been made on the resolution passed last year.*

Mr. Porter made the Conference aware of a map of Louisiana that asks, "If your pew is safe for your LGBTQIA+ neighbors, mark our map, mark it with a pin." The map is on display at the LGBTQIA+ information table in the Governor Room at the end of the Gallery Hallway. Mr. Porter stated that as of this presentation,

"There are over 70 congregations represented, and I expected to see pins for churches in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Shreveport, but was more excited to see pins in places like Greensburg, Eunice, Kaplan, Napoleonville, St. Joseph, Ringgold, DeRidder, Crowley, Springfield, Westlake, and many more. I invite you, if you are so led, to add your 'pin' to our board. As many of you know, I was the one to submit the resolution to our Annual Conference last year, which resulted in the formation of the LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team. My goal was to create measurable action within our Annual Conference around the issue of LGBTQIA inclusion despite what would or would not happen at General Conference. Because of this, our movement has been primarily lay led, and that is very important to note, because I want you to take a look at the other teams in our Conference to notice how many of them are primarily lay led. I am excited to see that the work over the past eight or so months has been productive. We have taken the first steps of getting organized and beginning the work we were asked to do, by collecting and creating resources for queer related ministries in our local churches. I am thankful for the leadership of everyone on this team and those who have been a part of our very important and unique work so far. I did the homework last night that Dr. Clark-Soles asked of us to read John 11. After Lazarus was raised from the dead, some Jews saw this and told the religious leaders as we read in verses 47 and 48, 'the chief priests and Pharisees, called together the Sanhedrin and asked, "What are we accomplishing? Here is this man performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our Temple and our nation." My wish is as we move forward with this work, is that we as a Conference stop operating like the Pharisees out of a place of fear. Afraid to act because we will lose our power or our influence. Now is the time to Move Forward with HOPE. This ministries team is one of the places where I have already seen HOPE in action – and we are just getting started. Thank you.



Ms. Trahan returned with these following remarks:

Do we want to be made well? Do we individually, do we as the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church want to be made well? How are we made well? It seems insurmountable at times. We look at the work to be done and it seems impossible so we just throw up our hands, make excuses, or just lay on our mats for 38 years. The time is now. Dr. John Fletcher made a really good point during a conversation yesterday, reminding us of the difference between a cure and healing. We have reached neutrality in language, and to some extent that presents part of a cure. It does not prevent more harm, or discrimination, or judgement. So what does healing look like? I refer to the story of Rev. Dean Thompson, who was reinstated as an Elder in the Louisiana Conference on Tuesday, after having surrendered his credentials, and spending nearly 40 years on the outside, waiting for this day. His story and so many other stories help us to understand the human nature of our neighbor. I bring up the "Child of God" thing a lot with my college students, and I don't care if you are six or sixty, a "Child of God" is a "Child of God". If we can't live into that and acknowledge that, and hear those stories with a willingness to listen and learn, what are we doing?

Ms. Trahan then went on to share a story of "what true healing" can look like. Ministry Team member, Mrs. Pat Wiersma, via video interview, shared the story of her own family's healing, as they went through the disaffiliation of her church, to the finding of a new church home where she, and her family, were fully accepted, embraced, and welcomed. When asked why she was called to be a part of this ministry team, she replied, "I don't know why I am on this team, but for the fact that I am just the mom of a gay son, and I just want everyone to love one another, accept one another without exception, and that as children of God, it really shouldn't matter."

Ms. Trahan stated that this is what showing up looks like. "In my father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God," Trahan said. "We have a choice to make. We either do God's work or we don't."

This conclude the LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team report.



Bishop Williamston accepted the report.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles, to continue with the Bible Study. Dr. Clark-Soles recapped yesterday's lesson and questions for consideration. She then presented the passage for study today – John 11:1-44, the story of the raising of Lazarus. The question for consideration today is "How can this passage speak to our lives, both individually and communally, within our theme of Moving Forward with Hope?" Another question posed yesterday that fits into today's lesson was, "What would you have us do?", and more specifically, "What would you have us do with resurrection? That is what these verses will help us address".

Dr. Clark-Soles began her presentation by reading the Bible passage, and highlighting the characters and interesting facts in each verse. Dr. Clark-Soles spoke to the "if only" moment in verse 21, as a "looking in the rear-view mirror, stuck in the past" moment; not the moving forward moment. The past cannot be

changed; what's done is done." But the next verse, 22, is a statement by Martha of faith and belief, and of moving forward. In verse 23, Martha moves from the past of "if only" to the future of knowing that resurrection will come for those who have died. Then, in verse 25, Jesus gives one of his famous "I am" declarations: *"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* Again, Jesus is asking a question for transformational, not informational, purposes. Doctrine can sometimes feel very lofty, and doesn't deal with real and immediate grief, but Jesus is trying to convince Martha of his living presence – in the here and now.

Dr. Clark-Soles continued with the passage, and addressed the act of "weeping" as it is found in various passages in the Bible – John 11:33 & 35; Hebrews 5:7; Psalm 56:8, and Psalm 30:5. She then spoke to the reality of death, and again as yesterday, listed the three (3) commands of Jesus: *"Take away the stone."*, *"Lazarus, come out!"*, and *"Unbind him, and let him go."* Dr. Clark-Soles asked, "Can we smell the stench of death in any of its forms? In terms of relationships, dreams, abilities, or the actual death of a loved one. But, can we also smell the fragrance of hope, and redemption, and new life – if not literally, but in our imagination?" Do we believe that Jesus had the power to resurrect a dead man? Of course we do, but the community had to unbind him. Dr. Clark-Soles connected Lazarus coming out of a tomb, to the "coming out" of our LGBTQIA+ brothers and sisters. The community reaction to this event is and can be life giving and freeing. John 12:10-11 states, "The chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; because that by reason of him, many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus." Dr. Clark-Soles stated, "I wonder at the reaction of the religious authorities; this was a cause for amazing celebration. As it seems to me, certain social, political, economic, and religious systems sometimes benefit from keeping some people disabled or dead." She also stated "John assures us that once we grasp the ultimate, eternal power of the resurrection and life available through Jesus Christ now, the grave can offer no real threat".

Dr. Clark-Soles again referenced the book, Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope by Rev. Dr. Esau McCauley. She noted that he speaks to the question of "Why stay in a religion that is not particularly healthy or liberating?" There is temptation to leave that religion behind, but he chose to stay. She quoted Dr. McCauley as saying, "The fundamental question was whether or not the Christian story was true. I believe that the tomb was empty on the third day. White supremacy, even when practiced by Christians, cannot overcome the fact of the resurrection." Dr. McCauley also says in relation to Mary, the mother of Jesus, "The testimony of Mary, is that even in the shadow of the Empire, there is the space for hope, and that sometimes in that space, God calls us from the shadows to join Him in his great work of salvation and liberation."

Dr. Clark-Soles concluded the lesson for today with the same points to consider as from the lesson yesterday:

1. Honesty about the need
2. Jesus' role in meeting the need
3. The individual's role in moving forward with hope
4. The community's role in moving forward with hope
5. Jesus' command

And the same questions for discussion:

1. *Do we have the insight and honesty to admit that we are stuck?*
2. *Do we have the courage to ask for help and/or the humility to receive it?*
3. *Once unstuck, do we hoard or grow that grace?*
4. *Are we the kind of disciples of Jesus that help others get unstuck?*

Who is Jesus calling us to unbind, so that they and we may Move Forward with HOPE!

Bishop Williamston called for prayer as part of her commitment to praying at 4:24 (am and pm) each day by inviting Rev. Matt Rawle, Asbury UMC, Bossier City to offer a prayer for the previous reports, the Bible study, and for the ordinands that will be presented this evening.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, Conference Secretary, to present the report from the Nominations Committee. The report can be found on pages 6-13 of the Pre-Conference Report Supplement and on the Guidebook App. Before Dr. Dolph began the report presentation, Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Brandon Sikes, Tunica UMC, as wishing to make a motion. Rev. Sikes moved that “we postpone any voting actions until Friday, so that all in attendance might have the opportunity to be present for voting and important discussions”. Bishop Williamston wished to know what the question was, and Rev. Sikes stated that he wanted to know “If it would be acceptable to make the above stated motion?” Following some discussion, **the motion was made to postpone/table any discussions up for debate and vote, until after the order of the day tomorrow, June 14, 2024. The motion was seconded,** but it was noted that there is no order of the day for Friday. Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Sikes to speak to his motion. He stated “it is wholly to do the work together, it is almost time for our beloved Celebration of Ministry Service, it is dinner time, and we have gone on a long day. I am here for pressing forward, but this work is the work that we are setting for the next four (4) years, and this work needs to be done with all the voices possible, to make sure that this is a YES to these people. By doing this now, we should have adjourned already according to our schedule, according to the faithfulness of those who must eat before they go on that stage and do that glorious work, it is right that we pause and wait until tomorrow when we can all breathe a deep breath, sigh, and say YES.” Bishop Williamston asked if there was a speech against the motion. There being none and before calling for the vote, Bishop Williamston explained that by voting YES to the motion, it would extend the day tomorrow. Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Austin Rinehart, FUMC Zachary, as having a question. Rev. Rinehart wished to know that “if by moving this item to tomorrow’s agenda, who would decide where it would be placed on the agenda. And that if the motion passes, could this be the first item of the day?” Bishop Williamston stated that she would set the agenda for the day. There was some discussion as to the motion – should it be to adjourn for the day instead of a motion to postpone debate. Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Lindy Broderick, Chaplain at Centenary College, with a question of clarification of the motion – was it to postpone the Nominations Report or postpone anything else that would require a vote. Rev. Sikes responded by stating that “as the Nominations Report has a voting element to it, and that the Conference Rules had been suspended in order to vote on the report as presented, his motion is that no matters that require debate, discussion and vote, should be considered at this time. If I need to make a motion to adjourn for the day instead, I will do that.” Rev. Sikes withdrew his earlier motion, **made a motion that we adjourn for the day; it was seconded.** As the motion is not debatable, Bishop Williamston **called for the vote; and there being no clear majority, the votes will need to be counted.** Further discussion followed as to the wording of the motion, and how it would affect a vote. Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Juliet Spencer, Henning Memorial UMC, Sulphur with a question of clarification on reason for the motion. Rev. Spencer asked, “is this motion to postpone being made due to the fact that those who are participating the Celebration of Ministry service have had to leave, and not just the case of those absconding, but of people being required to be elsewhere, and thus not able to vote, and would that make a difference?” Rev. Sikes agreed that was the primary reason for the motion. There was further discussion on the best way to move forward. Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Robert Johnson, Black Church Vitality Strategist, as having a question. Rev. Johnson wanted to know how many would not be in attendance to vote at this time. Bishop Williamston had no way to know the number that might be absent. Bishop Williamston asked Rev. Sikes to **restate his original motion, and then called for the vote; the motion passed.**

There was an announcement that both of the Burnett girls have been found, one deceased, one alive, and that Rev. Karl Klaus left Conference to be with the grandparents, as he is the minister of their church. Bishop Williamston called for a prayer for the family, Rev. Klaus, and the Loranger community.

Bishop Williamston adjourned the Conference until Friday, June 14, 2024 at 8:30 am.

SERVICE FOR THE ORDERING OF MINISTRY

First United Methodist Church
Baton Rouge, LA
7:00 PM

Preparing our Hearts	<i>Blessed Be the Name of the Lord</i>	Dale Grotenhuis
	<i>Know My Heart</i>	Benjamin Harlan
	<i>A Covenant Prayer</i>	Allen Pote
	<i>And Can It Be?</i> Lindsay Finley, Soloist	Dan Forrest
Prelude	<i>Cantilène religieuse</i>	Théodore Dubois
Processional Hymn	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	UMH #545
*Greeting and Prayer		Bishop Delores J. Williamston

Presentation of those to be Recognized, Commissioned, or Ordained

Bishop Williamston says:

Who presents these candidates to be recognized, commissioned or ordained?

All laity (led by Mrs. Jennifer Swann, Louisiana Conference Lay Leader):

We have recommended them in our local congregations.

We present them with our prayers and support.

Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry (led by Rev. Clifton Conrad, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry):

We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline and this Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. We present them with our prayers and support.

Rev. Katie McKay Simpson, Chairperson of the Division of Elders says:

Bishop Williamston, this person is, by God's grace, to be commissioned to perform the duties of the ministry of elder. We present her with our prayers and support.

Amy Duhon Castro

Rev. Lauren Frazier-McGuin, Chair of the Division of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers says:

Bishop Williamston, this person is, by God's grace, to be ordained deacon. We present her with our prayers and support.

Megan McGuirt Stueremann

Rev. Katie McKay Simpson, Chairperson of the Division of Elders says:

Bishop Williamston, these persons are, by God's grace, to be ordained elders. We present them with our prayers and support.

Brian Eric Coplin

Mary Rachel Moore

Megan Leah Twyman

Johnathan Carlton Richardson (recognition of Orders in The United Methodist Church)

General Examination of Candidates

Bishop Williamston says:

My sisters and brothers in Christ, as recognized, commissioned or ordained ministers, you are to be co-workers with the bishops, elders, deacons, local pastors, provisional members, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries, supply pastors, and all the people of God.

You are called to serve rather than to be served,
to proclaim the faith of the church and no other,
to look after the concerns of God's kingdom above all.

So we may know that you believe yourselves to be called by God and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of set apart ministry?

I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and are the unique and authoritative standard for the church's faith and life?

I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Will you be faithful in prayer, in the study of the Holy Scriptures, and with the help of the Holy Spirit continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry, lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ, participate in the life and work of the community, and seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be faithful to The United Methodist Church, accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word, and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you, and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the life of the order into which you are ordained or commissioned?

Will you give yourself to God through the order, in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship and service under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

I will, with the help of God.

May God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you grace to perform them, that the work begun in you by the Holy Spirit may be brought to perfection.

Examination of Persons Being Commissioned

Bishop Williamston says to the congregation:

A provisional member is bound to the service of God, appointed and supervised by the bishop, and guided by ordained and lay colleagues in the Board of Ordained Ministry, as she continues to grow in grace and to practice and perfect her skills in the ministries to which she may later be ordained as a deacon or an elder.

This is the way of life and work of a provisional member.

Do you believe that God has called you to continue your preparation toward ordained ministry in this way?

Candidate, Amy Duhon Castro, says:

I do so believe.

Call to Prayer

If You Search with All Your Heart

Craig Courtney

The Prayer of Commissioning and The Laying On of Hands

Bishop Williamston, facing the congregation and extending arms over the candidate, prays:

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers, you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your church.

By your Holy Spirit, help your servant, to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy.

Deepen her sense of purpose as she exercises commissioned ministry.

Empower her, and those who will walk with her to guide her ministry, together with all of your people, to heal the sick, love the outcast, resist evil, preach the Word, and give themselves freely for your name's sake.

Welcoming Those Commissioned

Bishop Williamston says:

I present to you this newly commissioned member of the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, Amy Duhon Castro.

Congregational Response

Here I Am Lord

UMH #593

(refrain only)

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10, NRSV

Rev. Richard Varner

Sermon

Called

Bishop Delores J. Williamston

Ministry of Music

Come, Thou Fount

Arranged by Lloyd Pfautsch

Examination of Deacons

Bishop Williamston examines the candidate for ordination as deacon:

A deacon is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood, to relate the life of the community to its service in the world, to lead others into Christian discipleship, to nurture disciples for witness and service, to lead in worship, to teach and proclaim God's Word, to assist elders and appointed local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes, to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice, liberation and reconciliation, especially in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice.

This is the rule of life and work of a deacon.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a deacon?

Candidate, Megan McGuirt Stuermann, says:
I do so believe.

Bishop Williamston says:

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission covenant to participate in the order of deacons? Will you give yourself to God through the order of deacons in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, service, and witness?

Candidate, Megan McGuirt Stuermann, says:

I will, with the help of God, and with the help of my sisters and brothers in the order of deacons.

Laying On of Hands and Prayer for Deacons

Bishop Williamston calls the people to prayer:

As this person is ordained by God and the church for the ministry of a deacon to which we believe she has been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for her.

Bishop Williamston with hands extended over the one being ordained prays:

We thank you, Living God, that in your great love you sent Jesus Christ, to take the form of a servant, becoming obedient even to death on the cross, and now resurrected and exalted in the heavens. You have taught us, by his word and example, that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.

Give this servant grace to be faithful to her promises, constant in her discipleship, and always ready for the works of loving service.

Make her modest and humble, gentle and strong, rooted and grounded in love.

Give her a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

Presentation of New Deacon – Megan McGuirt Stuermann

Congregational Response

Here I Am, Lord
 (refrain only)

UMH #593

Examination of Elders

Bishop Williamston examines the candidates for ordination as elder:

An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church: to preach and teach the Word of God and faithfully administer the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead the people of God in worship and prayer; to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ; to exercise pastoral supervision, to order the life of the congregation, and the connection, to counsel the troubled, and declare the forgiveness of sin; to lead the people of God in obedience to Christ's mission in the world; to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people; and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church and in service in and to the community. This is the rule of life and work of an elder.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?

Candidates, Brian Eric Coplin, Mary Rachel Moore, and Megan Leah Twyman, each say:
I do so believe.

Bishop Williamston asks:

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the order of elders?

Will you give yourself to God through the order of elders in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, service, and witness?

Candidates each say:

I will, with the help of God, and the help of my sisters and brothers in the order of elders.

Laying On of Hands and Prayer for Elders

Bishop Williamston calls the people to prayer:

As these persons are ordained by the church for the office and work of elders to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for them.

Bishop Williamston, with hands extended over those being ordained, prays:

We praise you, eternal God, because you have called us to be a priestly people, offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death and, having ascended into heaven, has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up Christ's body, and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need to serve you in this ministry.

Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.

Enable them to serve without reproach, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, to administer the sacraments of the new covenant, and to offer with all your people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Recognition of Orders

Bishop Williamston:

After due examination of your call and ministry in another part of Christ's holy church, we now welcome you to this communion.

You have given assurance of your faith and Christian experience.

You have renewed the vows of your ordination and embraced our own, committing yourself to accept and uphold faithfully the doctrine, liturgy, and discipline of The United Methodist Church.

We rejoice that you have been called to serve among us, and pray that God may guide your ministry.

Johnathan Carlton Richardson, we now recognize you as an elder in full connection in The United Methodist Church.

Presentation of New Elders

Bishop Williamston says:

I present to you these newly ordained and recognized elders of the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, Brian Eric Coplin, Mary Rachel Moore, and Megan Leah Twyman.

Congregational Response

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

(refrain only)

Passing of The Towel, Basin, and Mantle

Bishop Williamston says:

Throughout Scripture, we find that it is the unique calling and privilege of those who shepherd God's people to nurture, train and equip new leaders for the sake of God's mission in the world. We see this modeled in Moses and Joshua, Naomi and Ruth, Eli and Samuel, Elijah and Elisha, Paul and Timothy, and most especially in Jesus and his disciples. He who said, "I am the Light of the World", is the same Jesus who encouraged his disciples by saying:

*You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Retiring ordained clergy, Rev. Terrence August, says:

It is with faith in the steadfast love of God that we pass this towel and basin, symbols of servant ministry into your waiting hands. May you be faithful in proclaiming the Word of God, empowered in leading God's people to lives of service in the world, and constant in your devotion and unwavering dedication to your call.

Newly ordained deacon, Rev. Megan Stuermann, says:

We accept your challenge and gladly receive the towel and basin, symbols of the service to which we have been called. By our service, we hope to honor the foundations you have laid for us and faithfully continue the ministry of calling the church to faithful discipleship as followers of Jesus Christ.

Retiring elder, Rev. Terrence August, says:

We pass this mantle to you as a symbol and sign that the same Spirit that called, nurtured and equipped us has done the same for you. May you go forth in the power of Christ who called you to proclaim the mighty acts of God who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Newly ordained elder, Rev. Brian Coplin, says:

We receive this mantle with gratitude, pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit would rekindle the gift of God within us through the laying on of hands, so that we might go forth in power, love, and self-discipline.

Bishop Williamston responds:

Hear the words of St. Paul:

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

***Hymn of Commitment, Call, and Renewal**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

During this hymn, those individuals who feel called to make a first-time commitment to Christian ministry are invited forward to be greeted and prayed for by designated persons.

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Ronald Southall

Offertory Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

Arranged by Ovid Young

An offering will be received to sponsor a tour of the Holy Land or other pilgrimage opportunity every other year for new ordinands, as special guests, to enrich their ministry and enhance their spiritual journey of faith.

***Charge to Licensed, Commissioned, Consecrated, and Ordained Ministers**

Bishop Williamston speaks:

Will all our licensed, commissioned, consecrated, and ordained ministers please rise?
In faithfulness to God who has called you to ministry, will you go where you are sent or have been called, to serve Christ with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

The licensed, commissioned, consecrated, and ordained persons respond:

By God's grace we are called into ministry.

In God's strength, we will go where we are sent and called.

With God's help, we will strive to be faithful, loyal servants of Christ.

Charge to The BaptizedBishop Williamston speaks:*

I now invite all laity to stand.

As people committed to uphold the church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, will you affirm and receive these women and men as servants of our Savior Jesus Christ, and pledge to them your support?

The laity respond:

We joyfully reaffirm our faith in Christ and our covenant to uphold the mission and ministry of his church. We will fully support them in our shared ministry.

Closing Hymn**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*****UMH #110*****Dismissal with Blessing***Bishop Williamston blesses the people:*

The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all always.

Newly ordained elder, Rev. Brian Coplin, dismisses the people:

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

Postlude and Recessional***Excerpts from Toccata***

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Special thanks to the Asbury Choir, Asbury UMC, Lafayette, LA, and to Mrs. Judy Price for providing choral and instrumental music for this service.

The Service for the Ordering of Ministry can be viewed in its entirety on the Louisiana Conference website at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-DNwFEWe4g>

Friday, June 14, 2024

PLENARY SESSION IV

The final day of the Louisiana Annual Conference began at 8:30 am with the Worship Band from Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge welcoming delegates back with "The Best is Yet to Come", and "Never Lost". Bishop Williamston opened with prayer.

Rev. Dr. Van Stinson gave the morning announcements:

Thanks to Rev. Ann Sutton, retired Associate Member, for the beautiful work of art she created during the Conference. The silent auction will close at 9:00 am, for anyone interested in bidding. Three generations of the Wilkinson family, attending the 2024 Annual Conference – Diane, Donnie, and Molly Beth Wilkinson
Rev. Milton Bourque and his wife, Lone, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary tomorrow

Bishop Williamston then invited Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles to present today's Bible Study. While waiting for Dr. Clark-Soles, Bishop Williamston brought Episcopal dog-in-residence, Odin, to the stage for introduction.



Dr. Clark-Soles began by recapping the points for consideration:

1. *Honesty about the need*
2. *Jesus' role in meeting the need*
3. *The individual's role in moving forward with hope*
4. *The community's role in moving forward with hope*
5. *Jesus' command*

And the questions for discussion:

1. *Do we have the insight and honesty to admit that we are stuck?*
2. *Do we have the courage to ask for help and/or the humility to receive it?*
3. *Once unstuck, do we hoard or grow that grace?*
4. *Are we the kind of disciples of Jesus that help others get unstuck?*

The passage for today's lesson is from John 21. Dr. Clark-Soles presented a video titled "The Gospel of John", by Visual Bible Entertainment, which covers the Gospel of John, with a particular English translation and narrated by Christopher Plummer. Dr. Clark-Soles stated, that "hopefully at the end of today's lesson, you will be able to do the three (3) imperatives from John 21: feed my Lambs; tend my Sheep; feed my Sheep". "I would like you now to listen to the story, see what jumps out at you, notice how you feel, especially when you see the interaction with Jesus and Peter, and I also want you to think about if this is the way you've pictured this conversation when you read it. Listen with our five (5) questions or observations in mind." (The video begins at 25:30, and can be viewed on the Louisiana Conference website <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTRyoaX3Zss&t=3923s>).

At the conclusion of the video, Dr. Clark-Soles asked, "Have you ever fallen from grace, or at least asked yourself 'Am I just a pretender when it comes to this Christian thing'? If not, you may not understand John 21 as well as those of us who have." Dr. Clark-Soles focused on this "second ending" of the Book of John, by looking at the disciples. She referenced Chapter 20, and the disciple's experiences with the resurrected Jesus – mountain top mystic experiences. "Surely after not just one, but two of these experiences, they are going to leave their normal lives, run around spreading the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, risking shipwreck and pirates at every turn. But is that where we find them in Chapter 21? Not so much. We find them fishing, back to business as usual; back to the same life they had been leading before Jesus blasted onto the scene. You get the feeling that they've lost their verve. For them, transformation is a thing of the past. I imagine they were in that boat looking back on the good old days with a strong sense of nostalgia. Because they are living in the past, they are not seeking Jesus in the present, and they are not expecting him to show up in any way that really matters. The question of course then is always, 'Are we'?"

Dr. Clark-Soles commented that at this point, the disciples are hopeless (not moving forward with hope); they are stuck. She expounded on the use of light and dark in the Gospel of John, and how the darkness (night) is unproductive, but that Jesus comes with the light (day). Dr. Clark-Soles went on to explain why Peter putting on clothes before going to Jesus, is parallel to Adam and Eve covering themselves before

facing God; all felt a sense of guilt. She spoke of the use of sensory imagery in John; the charcoal fire that Jesus had waiting for the disciples as they came from the boat - a fire of redemption for Peter, as it was at a charcoal fire that Peter denied Jesus on the night of his crucifixion. "Jesus instructs them (the disciples) to add what they have to what he has already provided", Dr. Clark-Soles stated. "It's a partnership, and I believe this is the true spirit of radical hospitality, and isn't all radical hospitality really not a one way street? It assumes each person has something to give." Dr. Clark-Soles reminded us that this is the third (3) time that Jesus has appeared to the disciples following his resurrection, and they seem to be stuck, with no idea on how to move forward.

Continuing, Dr. Clark-Soles began to discuss the intimate conversation between Jesus and Peter. "Jesus addresses Peter by name, and over and over again in this gospel, John insists that Jesus knows you and me by name. This gospel has got just a perfect balance of individual encounters between Jesus and people, which I think really pulls us in and grips us. But notice that nothing ever happens in here without community. Even when you have an individual encounter with Jesus, it only makes sense in community. The fact that Jesus knows me, down to every last detail of my life, means that Jesus knows our brilliant flashes of insight, right down to our devastating capacity for destruction, and not to mention our particular pension for sheer apathy", Dr. Clark-Soles stated. She went on to ask, "How does it change, when we actually create spaces, where our redemption is worked out in community. In the kind of spaces where that kind of vulnerability can happen, because transformation can't really happen without vulnerability?" What is the role of community, and does it really matter?

Dr. Clark-Soles went on to discuss the question Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" There are different ways to pose the question, but the one Dr. Clark-Soles believes is the more accurate is - Do you love me more than you love all of this stuff? "This fishing gear, this boat, your regular work-a-day life; in other words, your comfort zone. Do you love your comfort zone more than you love me, and this is what I think the Bishop is asking us, when she asks us 'Do we wish to be made well?' Are we going to move forward with hope? It is hard to move forward if we really, really love our comfort zone more than we love Jesus. Jesus intentionally pushes Peter to a place of vulnerability; that place that is actually necessary to break Peter open. Not to be mean and humiliate, but to liberate him. What looks so painful and intrusive turns out to be restorative and liberating. This is where I also think Christian community comes in – when we are trying to process our own experiences and trying to find where is God in all of this", Dr. Clark-Soles stated.

In reflecting on the discussion point of *Jesus meeting a need*, the need in this passage is for Peter to be his truest self and able to declare his love for Jesus. "The self that is driven by fear and expediency and bouts of despair, is really just a sorry defense mechanism. Jesus also directs Peter to show his love through service to others. Christians are to feed Christ's flock, meaning everyone. However, Jesus knows that he can't send Peter out to serve, until Peter truly knows that he has been fully forgiven, fully loved without condition, and released from the paralyzing grip of guilt/shame. His story is our story as he moves beyond past failure and present imperfection into the hopeful, confident future story that God has intended for us all along. Jesus needed to leave, so that all of us could become the servants that God is calling us to be, and do the greater works He declared we would do."

Dr. Clark-Soles concluded her presentation by thanking the Bishop for the invitation to be present, and reminding the Conference to "Move Forward with HOPE".



Bishop Williamston thanked Dr. Clark-Soles for your wonderful Bible lessons, and for the time she has shared with the Conference.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, Conference Secretary, to present the report of the Nominations Committee. The report can be found beginning on page 5 of the Pre-Conference Report Supplement. Dr. Dolph made the following motion:

I move the suspension of Article 2B and Article 2C of our Conference Rules effective from the close of the 2024 Annual Conference until Annual Conference of 2025;

I further move that between the close of Annual Conference 2024 and any subsequent decisions made by the 2025 Annual Conference, the Conference administrative and programmatic structure be governed by the applicable paragraphs of the Book of Discipline and the Nominations Report as approved by the 2024 Annual Conference.

Dr. Dolph asked for a second to the motion, and then spoke to the rationale of the motion. The motion **was seconded**, so Dr. Dolph proceeded to explain the need for making this motion.

The reason that we are doing this is that our Conference Rules are very specific about the number of actual committees and the numbers on those committees. Because of the Wimberly Report, because of the new world in which we live, this year, in order to allow the Strategic Implementation Team to do its work and come back with a suggestion of a new structure for our Conference, they are a little inhibited if we have to follow all the numbers and structures that are currently in our Conference Rules. What we hope to do is to be simply guided by the Discipline and by the Nominations Committee report that you will subsequently approve, and that this be our governing body for this coming year. This will allow the team to do its work, and to return to this conference next year with some suggestions and recommendations on how we move forward into a new time, a new space, and a new landscape with a structure that is more nimble, adaptable, and ready to roll forward in hope. That is why we are proposing this suspension of the rules; otherwise, we would be locked in to the numbers and other restrictions of our current rules. We would like the freedom to be adaptable.

Bishop Williamston stated that this motion is not debatable, so she **called for the vote on the motion to suspend Conference Rules 2B and 2C beginning at the close of the 2024 Annual Conference until the beginning of the 2025 Annual Conference.** Before the vote was taken, Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Donnie Wilkinson, Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge, as wishing to ask a question. Rev. Wilkinson asked, "Does this motion suspend our Conference Rules, and put in place what is called for in the Book of Discipline?" Dr. Dolph, replied "Yes, for the next year only, and for whatever is approved. Our conference has committees within its structure, such as Church Transformation, that are not required in the Book of Discipline, so those would still remain in effect." Bishop Williamston asked Rev. Wilkinson if that sufficiently answered his question, to which he replied, "This is a pretty radical motion, to say that we are going to set aside our rules/structure, as we have adopted, and to adopt something that we have not heard a presentation on." Dr. Dolph responded, "To be honest Rev. Wilkinson, it is not that different.

The basic thing we are suspending is the numbers (members on the committee), because again, we are not doing away with any committees. If you look at the nominations report, all the things that are in our current structure, are in the nominations report that we will be approving. So, we are not doing away with or changing the structure, we are simply saying, can we have a little flexibility, so that we can move into the future when we can actually redo/resubmit/reconfigure the structure of the conference. We are not restructuring the conference administrative or programmatic things now; it is primarily about the numbers.” Rev. Wilkinson responded, “So the number of persons who will be serving on those various boards and agencies and committees, are going to be just the ones that are the minimum number required in the Book of Discipline?” Dr. Dolph: “In most cases, but in some cases there’s a few more, because we thought that the work deserved a couple of extra people.” Bishop Williamston again asked Rev. Wilkinson if his question had been answered, to which he replied “Not fully. I am trying to understand what the motion is, and then the implications of the motion. What I just heard you say, and correct me if I misheard, what we’re going to have next year is a proposal for a different conference structure and rules, and this motion allows us to do the work we need to do between now and then.” Dr. Dolph agreed that this is a fair statement. Bishop Williamston **called for a vote on the presented motion; the motion passed.** Dr. Dolph then presented the Nominations Committee report for approval with following additions: Karen Souileau (laity) – Board of Ordained Ministry; Mary “Mimi” McDowell (clergy), Adam Philley (laity), Cheryl Miller (laity), and Gene Bryson (clergy) – Congregational Vitality Committee; Dan Lund (laity) – Conference Chancellor; Tom Dolph (clergy) – Conference Secretary. “Some of the items in the report are informational only, as the members are nominated or elected by other bodies, but we put them in this report for your information (Board of Laity, specific offices listed under the Board of Ordained Ministry, United Women in Faith, and United Methodist men for example). There are a couple of things that aren’t accurate in those internally elected items that will be corrected before publication in the Journal. It is not affected by your vote here today”, Dr. Dolph stated. This concluded the report from the Nominations Committee. **Bishop Williamston called for the vote to receive the report; the report was received.** Dr. Dolph presented one final piece of information, “As we are at a quadrennial shift, I want to let you know that per the Book of Discipline, we will be submitting your delegation names to what is known as the Jurisdictional “pool”, which is used by the Jurisdictional Conference to populate General boards and agencies. In addition to your delegation, we will also be adding the names of Alice “Ali” Young (clergy), Wybra Price, II (clergy), Van Stinson (clergy), Tom Dolph (clergy), Katrena King (clergy), Todd Rosnagel (clergy), Chris Spencer (laity), John F. Smith, (laity), Johnathan “JC” Richardson (clergy), Jessica Trahan (laity), Lane Cotton Winn (clergy), and Tiffanie Postell (clergy).

At this time, video interviews from retiring ministers, Rev. Dr. Barbara Calhoun-Gibson (elder) and Rev. John B. Joseph (local pastor) were shown.

Bishop Williamston recognized Mr. Caleb Porter, Baton Rouge District at-large delegate, as having a question concerning the names listed for the Jurisdictional “pool” that Dr. Tom Dolph presented at the end of the Nominations Committee Report. Mr. Porter asked, “There is some confusion as to how that list was populated, and that there are people on that list who did not know that they were on that list. Could we please get some clarity on this matter?” Dr. Dolph responded, “Most of those names were either part of the delegation folks who had expressed interest to us or from the Cabinet.” Mr. Porter, “How does that process work in the future for people interested in serving?” Dr. Dolph, “So, if you would like to be included, you can request to do that at this time.” Mr. Porter, “I would like to be included.” Dr. Dolph asked if there was any objection, and there being none, the name, Caleb Porter (laity), will be added to the list of those names presented for the Jurisdictional “pool”.

Bishop Williamston invited Mr. Kenny Beauvais, Chair of CF&A, to present Report III - the proposed 2025 Annual Conference budget.

There were several questions posed on the CF&A email, and I am going to address some of those today. Some of the questions that were asked were outside of the boundaries of Report III, and Report III was what we were asking for questions on. I am going to touch on those at the

end. The questions that I will be addressing are specific to Report III, which is the budget. Question 1: 'On page 107 of the Pre-Conference Report, please explain how the \$1,509,261 deficit will be paid?' On that same page, there is an explanation of how the funds are going to be allocated between disaffiliated funds (\$753,172) and from reserves (\$756,089). Question 2: 'What investment funds will be drawn from, if needed, as referred to by the Chair?' The investment funds in this case that we are referring to, are the earnings on investments, not the principle of any of the investment funds, of which CF&A has the discretion to use as needed. Question 3: 'Are the investment funds at the UM Foundation, unrestricted for conference administrative expenses?' Yes, they are. Question 4: 'What is the total principle value of that investment fund?' These are all within the CF&A Reports, but to be specific, there's \$27.4 million, of which \$521,000 are in designated funds, and \$2.7 million are in District funds, again, all held in investments at the UM Foundation. Question 5: 'What percentage of the investment funds have been used for administrative expenses in the last ten (10) years on average?' Zero. Question 6: 'What percentage of the earnings from the investment funds will go to supplement the 2025 budget?' Of the interest income, we anticipated earning approximately \$450,000, of which only \$132,000 will be used, and that will be used for district superintendent housing and utility expenses. Question 7: 'What is the amount and percentage of the current year budget, 2024, is spending from our reserves?' That is a question that is really outside the realm of this budget, but because it is very specific and is in the report, the answer is 36.7%. Question 8: 'What amount and percentage of the budget will we adopt this year, 2025, which will require spending from our reserves?' The answer is 33%."

Other questions concerned forecasting future funding needs, as well as programming procedures; all of which are outside the scope of what CF&A does, which is to set policy. There was one additional comment that is an overriding concern of many – "What practical ways has the CF&A discussed to reduce Conference spending? Bringing in new forms of revenue is great, but we will also need to make cuts. Many of us would like to be assured that these difficult conversations are happening." Yes, those conversations are happening, and CF&A is continuously trying to do that by meeting at least three (3) times per year, if not four (4). CF&A, along with the Conference office, publishes interim financial statements that are available online four (4) times per year. If you have any questions, someone in the Conference finance office, or a member of the CF&A committee, will be happy to assist you in finding the information in the applicable published report.

This concluded Report III from CF&A. Bishop Williamston asked if there were other questions from the floor, and recognized Rev. Donnie Wilkinson, Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge. Rev. Wilkinson stated that he appreciated the Mr. Beauvais answering some of the questions that were sent via email, but "for those questions that were deemed outside the bounds of the CF&A report, when would be an appropriate time for us to ask those questions, and in what manner should they be addressed? We were asked to submit questions via email, and obviously several people did, but only a handful of those were answered because some were deemed to not deal directly with the CF&A Report III. So what is the appropriate time and manner for us to submit those questions about the future?" Mr. Beauvais responded, "The appropriate time would be prior to Annual Conference or when those reports are presented to which they pertain. But when the questions are about future years, those would not be questions that we would be able to answer." Rev. Wilkinson then asked, "Which would be the appropriate body to ask those questions to?" Bishop Williamston asked that Rev. Wilkinson clarify his questions, to which he replied "The questions related to the future of the finances of our Conference, what is the appropriate body to ask those questions? If it is not CF&A, then what is the appropriate body?" Mr. Beauvais responded, "I think the appropriate questions of the nature in which you are asking are so large in scope, that right now, the best place to pose those questions, will be with the Strategic Implementation Team. They are going to be looking at all of the things you are talking about - personnel, budget, conference functions that are important, streamlining those functions for effectiveness – I think that is where those questions should be directed." Rev. Wilkinson then wanted to know "Will there be a mechanism to submit those questions?"

Bishop Williamston responded, that there is currently a mechanism being built and will be made available shortly. Bishop Williamston recognized Mr. Jay Carraway, Lay Delegate, Asbury UMC, Bossier City. Mr. Carraway wished to thank Mr. Beauvais and the leadership of the CF&A for clarifying the questions that he submitted. He also wished to thank the Conference and CF&A for the reduction in apportionments during this time of uncertainty. Mr. Carraway had a few questions concerning the use of the earnings on the investment funds invested at the UM Foundation, and how they best can be used, and Mr. Beauvais stated that once the Strategic Implementation Team has recommendations concerning finances, then CF&A will work with them to create a comprehensive plan for use of funds, both apportionments, reserves, and investment earnings. Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Don Cottrill, Pastor Emeritus, FUMC, Baton Rouge, as wishing to ask a question. Rev. Cottrill asked, "On page 110 of the Pre-Conference Report, the final Apportioned Expenditure Amount for 2025 is \$4,542,009, but on page 111 it has a Supplement Schedule concerning salaries, and I can't reconcile those two, so I don't know what the final budget for the annual conference is, and where I can connect those two budget items." Mr. Beauvais called upon Mrs. Sandy O'Brien, Conference Treasurer, to address this question. Mrs. O'Brien explained that "This is an expenditure budget, money that we are planning on spending, so our expenditure budget for 2025 is \$4,542,009. The supplemental schedule, not an additional budget, on page 111, is just a breakdown of salaries, but it has been included in the final budget." There being no further questions, **Bishop Williamston called for the vote on CF&A Report III; the report was approved.** Bishop Williamston thanked CF&A for their continuing hard work, and recognized Mr. Kenny Beauvais for his years of service, as he steps down as Chair of CF&A.

Bishop Williamston invited Mrs. Michele Sauls, Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, Conference Secretary to present the report from the Board of Trustees. The full report from the Board of Trustees can be found beginning on page 88 of the Pre-Conference Report Supplement. Included in the report are the resolutions for the closing of fourteen (14) churches in the Louisiana Conference. Mrs. Sauls invited Dr. Dolph to explain the difference between closings of "exigent circumstances" and "end of missional life".

Only the Annual Conference can close a church. A church is not "technically" closed until the Conference votes to do so. There are some churches that understand they no longer have the resources to continue to be the United Methodist Church that the discipline and Christ calls them to be. They decide for themselves that they can no longer exist, and in most of these cases, a charge conference is held, a resolution is passed, and they close themselves. That is really the "end of their life", but they are not truly closed until it is voted on by the Annual Conference. An "exigent closure" is a bit of a misnomer, because again, the church decides whether or not to close; however, there is a paragraph in the Book of Discipline that describes "exigent circumstances" as when a church or a ministry does something that is contrary to the Book of Discipline. For example, if a church changes its Articles of Incorporation indicating that it is no longer a United Methodist Church, but the Church of Tom Dolph, that is an "exigent circumstance" because it is a church claiming on its own to no longer be a United Methodist Church. What the paragraph in the Book of Discipline says is that under those circumstances, there is a process that includes the Bishop, the Cabinet, and the District Board of Church Locations to declare exigent circumstances. When those conditions are met, all of the property and assets of that church are immediately vested with the Conference Board of Trustees. Those churches then come to the Annual Conference to be voted on to officially close under "exigent circumstances."

Mrs. Sauls read following resolution and the names of the six (6) churches being closed under Exigent Circumstances:

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the District Superintendent, after having followed the required provisions of The Book of Discipline 2016 of the United Methodist Church, that the listed United Methodist Churches should **be closed under "exigent circumstances"** ¶2549; and **WHEREAS**, this decision and action has been approved by the District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with The Book of Discipline 2016 of the United Methodist Church that these six (6) United Methodist Churches are now CLOSED;

Lutcher UMC, Lutcher, LA – New Orleans District
 James Chapel UMC, Holden, LA – Baton Rouge District
 Haughton UMC, Haughton, LA – Shreveport District
 Atlanta UMC, Atlanta, LA – Alexandria District
 New Hope UMC, Spillman, LA – Baton Rouge District
 Concord UMC, Spillman, LA – Baton Rouge District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the above named United Methodist Churches under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to approve each church closure; all were approved for closure.** Bishop Williamston wished to acknowledge those who have served or were members of these six churches with a prayer.

Mrs. Sauls went on to read the resolution for the closure of the eight (8) churches closing due to “end of missional life:

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the District Superintendent, after having followed the required provisions of The Book of Discipline 2016 of the United Methodist Church, that the eight (8) named following churches be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with The Book of Discipline 2016 of the United Methodist Church, that the following eight (8) churches are now CLOSED:

Ansley UMC (Union Church), Ruston, LA – Monroe District
 Legacy UMC (formerly Embrace which merged with Love Chapel UMC), Haughton, LA - Shreveport District
 Newell UMC, Mandeville, LA – New Orleans District
 Mathews Memorial UMC, Mathews, LA – Lake Charles-Acadiana District
 Hall Summit UMC, Hall Summit, LA – Alexandria District
 Trinity UMC, Alexandria, LA – Alexandria District
 Pelican UMC, Pelican, LA – Alexandria District
 Colquitt UMC, Colquitt, LA – Shreveport District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the above named United Methodist Churches under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to approve the eight (8) church closures; all were approved for closure.** Bishop Williamston asked that any former pastors or members of any of these churches, please stand for recognition. This concluded the report of the Board of Trustees. Bishop Williamston thanked Mrs. Sauls for her years of service a Chair of the Board of Trustees, as she is stepping down from this role.

At this time a video interview from ordinand, Rev. J.C. Richardson was presented. Bishop Williamston called for a 10-minute break.

BREAK

Bishop Williamston called the Conference back to order. Dr. Van Stinson invited Rev. Ann Sutton, retired Associate Member, to announce the winner of the silent auction for the work of art she created during Annual Conference. All proceeds of the winning bid, \$5000, will go to the Conference Youth Ministry Fund.



Bishop Williamston thanked Rev. Sutton for her beautiful work, and then recognized Mr. Tom McNamara, as part of the consortium of those who purchased the painting, as wishing to present the piece to his wife, who is battling cancer.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Katrena King, DEI Strategist, to present the diversity statistic report from yesterday. Here is the breakdown of speaker information:

22 male; 14 female

23 white; 9 black; 2 Asian

21 Elders; 6 at-large delegates; 4 Local Pastors; 4 Lay delegates; 3 Deacons; 2 retired clergy;
1 guest

9 over 65 years of age; 11 65-50 years of age; 4 50-40 years of age; 8 40-30 years of age;
4 under 30

Rev. King then presented her report as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Strategist, which can be found on page 28 of the Pre-Conference Report Supplement. Rev. King wished to highlight a few items from her report.

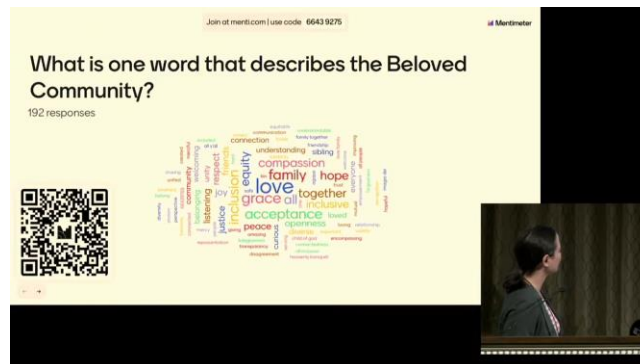
A few high-level takeaways that I found, particularly as they related to what is needed for this type of work were: 1) updated, clearer demographic data of the conference, in order to know who we are, who our people are, where they are, what they are doing, and how they participate; 2) opportunities to hold conversations about DEI and what those things mean, whether in churches, Sunday School classes, or small groups; 3) training in intercultural competency (being able to shift cultural perspectives and adapting to cultural differences and commonalities) and preparing churches and clergy for cross-cultural appointments; and 4) reconciliation and acknowledgment of racial segregation in our communities and churches. If our clergy have nothing to say about injustices in our churches and the world, then who does; who will?

So, that's the tough stuff as a starting point, but I also want to share some "wins". I am excited to announce that we were recently awarded a grant from Global Ministries to create a People Like Me Retreat. My vision for this retreat, in the fall or early next year, is to host a two (2) day event focused on a things, such as intercultural competency; skill building workshops; intercultural development inventory assessments, which again helps with understanding perspectives, commonalities, and differences; courageous conversations about the hard stuff – what are our lived experiences separately and together; conflict resolution; opportunities for storytelling and more. This is a start, and maybe, just maybe, it could lead to something larger. Philosopher-theologian, Josiah Royce, first conceived the Beloved Community concept; later, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. popularized it during the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. King envisioned the Beloved Community to be a global movement where the agape love of God would be the driving force to

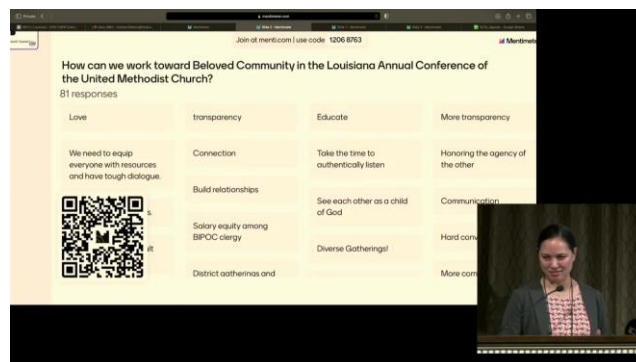
redemption and reconciliation, and a place where all people can share in the abundance of wealth in the world. In the Beloved Community, all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and dehumanization are eradicated and countered by a more inclusive, interdependent existence of people who live in non-violent harmony with one another.

Rev. King then posed the following two (2) questions, which were interactive:

1. *What is one word that describes the Beloved Community to you?*



2. *How can we work toward Beloved Community in the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church?*



Rev. King thanked the Conference for their participation, as it is very important to the work she is doing. Bishop Williamston recognized Mrs. Loretta Clark, Lay Delegate St. Peter Charge, Clinton, LA, as having a question. Mrs. Clark wanted to know if there were other ways to communicate information from the Conference office, as those in rural communities may have limited or no internet access. She felt that many in these communities would like to be involved in activities and events, but do not have access to that information. Rev. King stated that we would work on different ways to get information to all.

This brings me to my call to action. I am looking for people, places, spaces, small groups, Sunday school classes, maybe churches in the same town that want to have a conversation - I am interested in hearing from you. I am interested in hearing from people who are interested in this type of work or perhaps, you have struggled with this work in the past, and want to learn more. That is all I am asking for – an openness to learn and to be a little vulnerable with one another in this process. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested.

This concluded the DEI Report. Bishop Williamston **called for the vote to accept this report; the report was accepted.**

Rev. Dr. Van Stinson announced, "There have been questions that have come up following the Strategic Implementation Team presentation yesterday. To begin the conversation moving forward as the team convenes, organizes, and elects officers that will be communicated out to the Conference, we have set-up an email address – movingforward@la-umc.org – that we will utilize for the work of the team. It will be

the main means of communicating with questions back and forth, and there will be someone from the team assigned to respond to those questions to make sure that we process them in a timely manner.” Bishop Williamston recognize Mr. Josh Martin, Lay delegate, St. Charles UMC, Destrehan, LA, as wising to make a request. Mr. Martin stated that, “I am a life-long Methodist, and in my professional work, I have extensive experience with strategy and organizational restructuring. I would love to devote my time to serving on this committee, if that is possible, because I feel that there is a need for additional lay representation on the team for the work it will do?” Bishop Williamston thanked Mr. Martin for volunteering his time to serve. At this time, Dr. Stinson recognized the crew from Good News Television (GNTV) for working with us again this year to make our Annual Conference the best it can be. Dr. Stinson acknowledged that this is the fiftieth (50) anniversary of GNTV as a United Methodist Ministry of the South Georgia Conference, and recognized each member of the team by name.

Bishop Williamston invited Rev. Karli Pidgeon to begin the presentation of the Congregational Vitality reports, as she has been serving as the interim director since last year.

The purpose of Congregational Development and Vitality is the helping and resourcing of our local churches to be the best churches that they can be in their communities, and to reach out to the least, the last, & the lost, in order to make a difference. The goal of this office is to help our existing churches expand their reach and to be as vital as they can, but also to look and find new ways and new opportunities to be in ministry. To find areas within our conference, particularly since disaffiliation, that are now deserts, where there is no United Methodist Church. We need to look at some of those spaces and places and acknowledge that we need to put some effort into these areas. We had a church, in a vital community in New Orleans, Bethany UMC in the Ponchartrain Park neighborhood, that we needed to pour into, so we, as the Cabinet, as well as Congregational Development, asked how can we invest into this church, into this community, to make a difference as well as bridge to gap and the connection that we already have with Dillard University, to make it even stronger.

A video interview with Bethany UMC pastor, Rev. Eugene Boger highlighting some of the ongoing work at the church, was shown at this time. The video can be seen on the Conference website YouTube site, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTRYoaX3Zss&t=9149s> beginning at 2:44:16. Following the video presentation, Rev. Pidgeon invited Rev. Chad Brooks, Church Vitality Strategist, to present his report.

Over the past year, I've had the privilege of working closely with congregations throughout the annual conference as the Congregational Vitality Strategist. What started with a broad idea about vitality has now evolved into specific strategies, and I'm excited to share some of the key lessons and insights we've gathered. Serving the churches of the Louisiana Conference has been one of the greatest joys of my life, and I love diving into the work of figuring out tough problems, engaging in conversations, and even doing statistical deep dives when needed.

Understanding Congregational Vitality

*The term 'congregational vitality' has been a central theme in United Methodist circles for over a decade. Back in 2010, the *Call to Action* report from Connectional Table defined vitality as congregations growing numerically and financially, consistently reaching children and youth, and having strong leadership development systems. However, as we've faced challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic and church disaffiliations, it became clear that we needed to shift our focus from just vitality to addressing what it means for a congregation to be *stable*.*

What We've Learned This Year

Focus on Stability

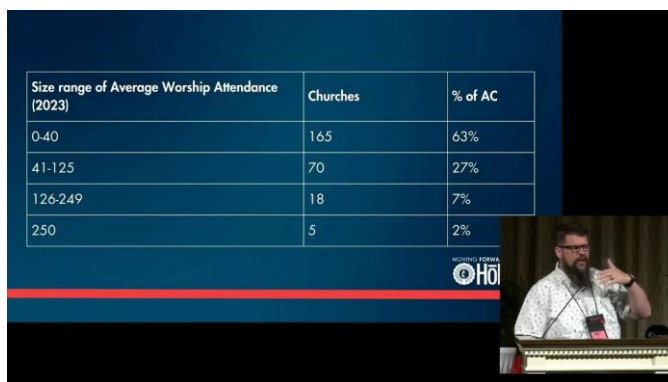
One of the biggest shifts over the past year has been recognizing that many congregations in Louisiana need to focus on stability first. It's not just about growing, but about creating a solid foundation that will allow for sustainable ministry. Much of my work has been around helping

congregations understand their current reality and develop unique, contextual strategies for their communities.

Church Size Realities

Many people ask me about the size of our churches. As of 2023, we have about 261 churches in the Louisiana Conference. The majority of them are small:

- 165 churches (63%) worship between 0 and 40 people.
- 70 churches (27%) worship between 41 and 125.
- 18 churches (7%) worship between 126 and 249.
- 5 churches (2%) worship over 250 people.



Size range of Average Worship Attendance (2023)	Churches	% of AC
0-40	165	63%
41-125	70	27%
126-249	18	7%
250	5	2%

The median size of a United Methodist church is about 38 people. Small and mid-sized congregations are the norm, and this understanding is crucial for developing the right strategies, especially for rural churches that need different approaches than those in urban settings.

Growth Trends

Interestingly, 40% of our churches experienced growth this past year, and many of them are congregations worshipping around 40-50 people. This shows that even small churches are finding ways to thrive.

A Success Story: First United Methodist Church, Covington

One of the highlights of the year has been seeing the transformation at First United Methodist Church in Covington, where Reverend Katie Glass serves. The church had been declining, but through some strategic investments and decisions, they've started to grow again. Some of that growth came from people who wanted to remain United Methodist after disaffiliations, but just as many new members had never been part of the United Methodist Church before. It's been incredible to see how intentional work can bring new life to congregations.

Strategy Moving Forward

Resourcing from Within

One of the core principles guiding our work is the belief that everything we need is already within us. We don't need to pay outside consultants to tell us what to do—we have the people and resources here in Louisiana to lead our churches forward. This approach has been incredibly effective, and churches have told us that this strategy feels more authentic and impactful than what's been done in the past.

Grant Allocations

In 2023, we were able to distribute around \$750,000 in grant funds across the conference. Of this, \$236,321 went toward clergy salaries and housing allowances, with 50% of that directed toward black church vitality and Hispanic ministry. For 2024, we're projecting \$310,450 for clergy

salary assistance, with 55% going to black church vitality. I truly believe the Holy Spirit is working among us, and it's amazing to see these resources being used for such important ministry.

Grants Funds	
• 2023 Grant Allocations	
Total	Ministry in Non-White Settings
\$236,321.72	\$118,566.56

Grants Funds	
• 2024 Grant Allocations	
Total	Black Church Vitality
\$310,450.20	\$170,959.68

New Church Plant in Ruston

One of the most exciting developments is the new church plant in Ruston, led by Reverend Ashley McGuire. There hadn't been a United Methodist Church in Ruston, but thanks to a committed group of people, we're now seeing a new congregation take root. Ashley started in May, and they've already found a beautiful meeting space in an old downtown building that was once the Ruston Methodist Episcopal Church built in 1885. It's a wonderful example of new life happening in a place with such a rich Methodist history.

New Workshops and Initiatives

Guest Integration

This workshop focuses on how to move someone from being a first-time visitor to becoming a committed disciple in the church. I love working with churches on this, diving into data, and figuring out a strategy that fits their unique context.

Discipleship Pathways

We've developed a workshop that helps churches think through the role of discipleship, using the five membership vows of the United Methodist Church—prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Church Management Systems

I've been encouraging churches, even the small ones, to start using databases to track membership and engagement. It's a healthy practice that can make a big difference, no matter the size of the congregation.

Conclusion

As I reflect on this past year, I'm more convinced than ever that we already have everything we need to build strong, vibrant congregations. The Louisiana Conference is filled with passionate,

generous people who are deeply committed to their churches, and it's an honor to work alongside them. By continuing to focus on equipping and connecting with the resources we already have, I believe we can move forward with hope and see incredible things happen across our state.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this role, and I look forward to continuing this work with all of you. Let's keep building together with the knowledge that everything we need is already here. Amen.

Rev. Robert Johnson, Black Church Vitality Strategist, presented his report:

As the Black Church Vitality Strategist for the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, we have discovered that many faith communities need a new identity. Many of our black churches worship less than fifty people in attendance weekly. Our pastors and our members are aging, and over sixty percent of our black churches, don't have young adults active in their faith communities. The black United Methodist Church has to reconnect to our local communities. Many people of color believe that our black United Methodist Churches are white congregations. The black United Methodist churches here in the Louisiana Conference must tell their stories as black United Methodists, and have worship experiences that meet the culture of blackness. People of color are attending more white churches or other denominations rather than the black United Methodist Church in their local communities.

I am focusing on learning about each Black United Methodist Church in our Conference, and as you know, every church has a different mission field. We have to establish a relationship with the people in our local communities so they can understand who we are as Black United Methodists. There is a high concentration of the black population across our state, but less than one percent is attending the black United Methodist Church combined with all the black denominations. More blacks are attending other black churches than the black United Methodist Church. In the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, we have 105 black churches, representing 40% of the churches in the conference.

We have opportunities to help our churches be vital congregations in the twenty-first century. Three faith communities, Cornerstone UMC, New Orleans; Camphor UMC, Baton Rouge, and Hartzell-Mt. Zion UMC, Slidell, have received coaches from the Strengthening the Black Church in the 21st Century, by receiving grants.

I pray we will be able to start new black churches in the Monroe and Shreveport area. In the Monroe and Shreveport areas, there is a high population of black communities where we can make a difference with new faith communities meeting the needs of those who live there. We can start new Black United Methodist churches in northern Louisiana with the help of the Office of Clergy Excellence, and all of you, to help us find self-motivating, visionary, and mission-minded leaders willing to go to communities to see all our neighbors where Jesus would go.

We need to move forward in HOPE to make this a reality. A group of United Methodist clergy and I are planning a Black Church Convocation in the future with the theme of The Black Experience. Every racial-ethnic group has its way of expressing its culture during the worship experience. We hope to share worshipping from the black perspective, hospitality, and seeing all our neighbors in our local mission fields.

Through Congregational Development, I hope to bring new ideas and resources for the black church in local communities. Many of our black faith communities don't have the resources to compete with other churches in their area. Unfortunately, many of our church buildings are not in good condition to worship or attract new people to make new disciples for the transformation of the world.

We've learned that Mt. Olive-St. Peter in Bastrop hasn't worshiped in their building for months due to the high rate of criminal behavior in that community. We have discovered that about twenty-five members with their pastors have been worshipping online via Zoom for several

months, but because we are connectional in the United Methodist Church and there was HOPE, Rev. Sonia Gee and the members of Mt. Olive - St. Peter now have a space to worship through the help of a white congregation, St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Monroe, and their pastor, Rev. R.B. Moore. That's who we are as United Methodist's; helping each other get up off the mat. Let's look at a video of the connection of these two churches. (Video can be seen in its entirety on the Conference website YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTRyoaX3Zss&t=10858s> beginning at 3:09:39).

In Shreveport, two black congregations are worshipping at different times at Fairfield United Methodist Church because of our connection. The St. James United Methodist Church building has been condemned for a few years, and they have moved around trying to find a place to worship. But to God be the glory, because St. James UMC now shares worship space with Fairfield UMC. They continue to pick up their mat, wanting to be made well. We have work to do. I am ready to pick up my mat and tell the other that we can pick up our mats together, be well again, and rebuild the black church in the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church.

John Wesley sent out circuit riders to spread the message of the Gospel and establish Methodist societies across America. Circuit riders were preachers who traveled on horseback and were assigned to specific geographic areas known as circuits. Their role was to preach, teach, and provide pastoral care to the people in the communities they served.



As the Black Church Vitality Strategist, I have the unique opportunity to carry on this tradition of spreading the message of faith, hope, and love. I will visit your town or city to assist local faith communities, emphasizing the mission and vision of the Black Church Vitality initiative and how it aligns with the spirit of Wesley's circuit riders in reaching and revitalizing communities. I will engage with local churches, leaders, and members to understand the unique needs and strengths of the community. I hope to organize workshops that provide practical strategies and resources for churches to enhance their vitality and impact within their communities, and help local faith communities explore opportunities for collaborative partnerships with local churches, organizations, and leaders to support and strengthen the Black Church in the area. I come to walk alongside pastors, to support and encourage clergy and lay leaders, recognizing the challenges and opportunities they face in nurturing and revitalizing their congregations.

My vision for the black church is to tell the story of who we are as black United Methodists and our of love for Methodism and Jesus Christ. As I stated previously, my mission is to assist, teach, and help lead more black United Methodist faith communities into being vital congregations spiritually. We still have hope; it is possible to have our churches vital and accomplish ministry to meet the needs of the people living in our communities; proclaiming the gospel in the ways of our culture to attract people of color, along with the passion and vision of our Bishop, Delores Williamston, who has a special place in her heart for the black church who helped nurture her into who she is as our bishop.

Our black churches are unlike those in Atlanta, GA, Houston, TX, Cincinnati, OH, or Baltimore, MA.

We are different here in Louisiana; we may not have millions in our communities, but we have something to offer the hundreds of people in our local communities. Let us work together to be the change agent for the Black United Methodist Churches across our conference and across America. We are the new small church, doing big things to make new disciples for Jesus Christ. With the help and support of the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, we can significantly impact the black community, one faith community at a time, impacting lives and leading people to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are ready to pick up our mats and tell those in our local communities; we are still here to rebuild, restore, and pick up our mats to point more people to the foot of the cross where Jesus will meet us all.

Bishop Williamston and the people of the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church we are ready to go from this place equipping, rebuilding, and connecting people to the kingdom of God.

The full report can be found on page 125 of the Pre-Conference Report.

This concluded the reports from the Congregational Vitality Strategists.

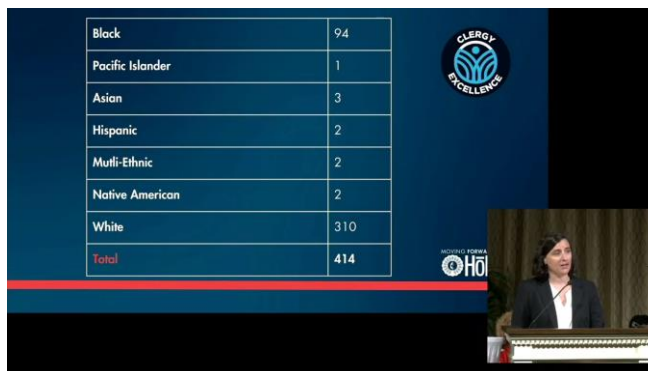
Rev. Ali Young, Director of the Office of Clergy Excellence presented her report, which can be found beginning on page 150 of the Pre-Conference Report.

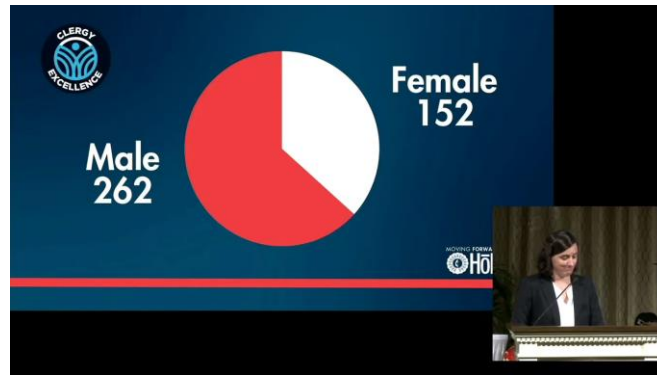
The first thing I want to do is acknowledge that, as the last part of the last report, you are all deeply invested in how quickly I can get through this, and so I'll tell you, I am also invested in how quickly I can get through this.

First, I want to start with some statistics so that you have a general idea of who we are as clergy in Louisiana. A quick disclaimer; since making these slides, we've had a clergy session where we voted on new members in full connection, we've licensed new local pastors, some of our clergy have retired, we've welcomed new clergy on loan, sent others out on loan, granted new leaves of absence, welcomed new clergy back and so on. So, these numbers may be slightly off from where they will be on July 1st.

We have about 400 clergy in Louisiana, retired and active in all the categories of clergy. We have roughly 100 active elders, and of those 100, about 75 of them are serving in Louisiana in local churches and extension ministries. We have about 16 active deacons, and about 12 of them are serving in Louisiana. We have about 57 local pastors serving under appointment. We are predominantly white, nearly 75%, and about 23% black. 63% male, and 36% female.

Black	94
Pacific Islander	1
Asian	3
Hispanic	2
Multi-Ethnic	2
Native American	2
White	310
Total	414





So, as you can see from these numbers, it makes Clergy Excellence a very interesting job. We are a diverse group. We are diverse in age, gender, ethnic identity, and in our theological understandings and interpretations of scripture. What might be a great learning opportunity for one group, doesn't always work for another, and what might be a really good opportunity for self-care for one group, may not work for another. So, I appreciate your patience as we navigate this new reality.

As we look to our priorities for clergy excellence, we keep these statistics in mind, especially as we consider the information we just heard from Robert and Chad, Katrena, the Bishop and the Cabinet. Our churches reflect a different picture than our clergy, which is beautiful and wonderful, but challenging as we seek to build, connect, and equip our pastors for the local churches they serve.

A presentation slide titled 'Priorities for Clergy Excellence'. The title is at the top left. Below it are three bullet points: 'Clergy Well-being', 'Recruitment', and 'Collaboration with Congregational Vitality and Black Church Vitality'. The Clergy Excellence logo is in the top right corner, and a small inset video of a woman speaking is in the bottom right corner.

- Clergy Well-being
- Recruitment
- Collaboration with Congregational Vitality and Black Church Vitality

Our first priority for this upcoming year is Clergy Well-being. One of the things we often hear is that when our pastors are unhealthy our churches are unhealthy. So laity, I need your help. When you see that your pastor is struggling and discouraged; when you see that your pastor has preached 52 weeks in a row; when you see that your pastor has been to 4 weeknight meetings in a row; when you see that your pastor has not been caring for themselves or their loved ones, politely remind them to check themselves. To care for themselves. Pastors love their jobs, but they will work themselves to sickness. Remind them to care for themselves. As you can see in our pre-conference report, we try to do two annual retreats for rest and learning. We piloted a well-being program with Rev. Dr. Vicki Johnson called the Art of Well Being this spring, and we are looking forward to having her lead our spring clergy retreat with the hope of also having opportunities for clergy to sign-up for well-being cohorts with her in fall of 2025. Additionally, we are working to provide two clergy retreats each year to offer a time away for rest, fellowship, and hopefully some learning. We are excited to continue to work with the Congregational Vitality Strategist and Black Church Vitality Strategist to identify areas of learning and support for local churches and pastors for continued learning opportunities because healthy churches help encourage healthy pastors, and healthy pastors help encourage healthy churches. We are also looking at salary disparity with all of our strategists, as well as with the bishop and cabinet.

Our second priority is Recruitment. As we know well, our ordination classes are smaller than they've ever been, and our licensing school classes are also smaller than they've ever been; recruitment is a top priority. The Office of Clergy Excellence, in conversation with the Vocational Discernment Coordinator of the BOM and the Cabinet, are having intentional conversations with seminaries and other conferences about best practices, as we create an intentional plan for recruitment and retention of clergy. And we are also looking at how we can retain those pastors once they enter into the process.

The first step starts in local congregations. Like most pastors, my own call story begins in my home church when someone helped me identify a calling on my life that I could not see for myself, and it was continued by a deep and meaningful mentoring relationship. We have somehow lost that culture of mentoring. And friends, we must find that again. If you, or someone you may know, has an interest, or would like to learn more about becoming a clergy person, the QR code on the slide will direct you to a brief interest form. Then someone from our office of the Vocational Discernment Coordinator will contact you with more information on the candidacy process



Finally, our third priority is to continue building and developing a Collaborative relationship with Congregational and Black Church Vitality. It extends beyond Robert and Chad and Katrena, it extends to everyone in this room. We are a team - there are no silos anymore. We are at our best when we work together, and that is a priority, not just for our work, but for the conference as a whole to move forward in hope, in order to build, connect and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for the future of our church and for the transformation of the world. So friends, let us work together. Amen.

This concluded the report from the Office of Clergy Excellence.

Bishop Williamston asked if there were any questions concerning these reports, and recognized Ms. Jessica Trahan, Lay Delegate, as wishing to offer a point of personal privilege. Ms. Trahan wished to acknowledge those who just completed their reports (Rev. Chad Brooks, Rev. Robert Johnson, Rev. Ali Young) as having offered words of encouragement and support, and that as a Conference, “we have a gift in what they are trying to do to help us with our churches. As laity make up 99% of the Louisiana Conference, it is nearly 100% on us to do the work. We need leaders, we need good healthy pastors, but we, as laity, need to get up and go, to collaborate with our leadership, with our communities, and with our other churches. We need to let go of our nostalgia of what was, and our fear of the unknown, and see what’s next. We have really good folks who are ready to help with the hard questions and the hard decisions.” Recognizing that it was Ms. Trahan’s birthday, Bishop Williamston asked if there were others celebrating birthdays, and then asked the Conference to shout out “Happy Birthday”.

Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. Mark Goins, FUMC, Bossier City, as wishing to ask a question. Rev. Goins asked, “Are there any places that a United Methodist pastor cannot preach, teach, marry, or bury?” Bishop Williamston asked that Rev. Goins clarify his question. Rev. Goins responded, “Are clergy not

allowed to preach at a non-United Methodist Church? Are they not allowed to do a funeral at a non-United Methodist Church? Are they not allowed to do weddings at a non-United Methodist Church?" Bishop Williamston wanted to know where the question was going? Rev. Goins restated his question, "Is there any place, anywhere, in the world that a United Methodist clergy person cannot preach, teach, marry or bury?" Bishop Williamston: "Are you asking as an elder, local pastor, deacon?" Rev. Goins: "Yes, elder, retired elder, deacon, local pastor, any clergy person." Bishop Williamston asked for a moment in order to accurately answer the question. Her response: "There are certain clarifications as clergy; local pastors are limited to the local church they are appointed to; elders can preach in other United Methodist Churches, but if you are referencing churches that have disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, there are policies on that which we can get to you after this meeting." Rev. Goins: "Not just for disaffiliated churches, but any other denomination, any place, that we would be asked to do a funeral or wedding or other service." Bishop Williamston: "Currently the policy is disaffiliated churches, and if you can get with me afterwards, we will get you the policies."

Bishop Williamston recognized Rev. K.C. Roberson, Asbury & St. Matthews UMC's, New Orleans, as having a question for Rev. Young. Rev. Roberson wanted to know if there would be communication sent directly to clergy, concerning the changes made at General Conference, and how best to communicate them to their congregations. Rev. Young said that questions could sent, via email, to the Office of Clergy Excellence, and that she would work with the Communications Department on the best way to resource those concerns. At this time the final video interview with retiring local pastor, Rev. Chris Fryou, was presented.

Bishop Williamston called for the vote to accept the reports from Congregational Vitality and the Office of Clergy Excellence; the reports were accepted.

Rev. Dr. Van Stinson gave the following final announcements:

Lost packet of medication is at front table

Recognition of all members of the Annual Conference Design Team and Conference Staff

The Worship Band began the closing worship service with "We Worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah", which was followed by the Sending Forth Liturgy:

Rev. Robert Johnson: *Clergy and laity of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, you who have stayed—stayed willing, stayed ready, stayed trusting that the movement of grace still matters, that this moment in grace still matters, friends and family: Just two days ago, here in this historic new chapter of our denomination and this liminal space between who our conference has been and who we are becoming, a question was set before you: Do you want to be made well? I ask you now, what is your answer?*

ALL: Yes! By God's grace, we want to be made well!

Rev. Robert Johnson: *And I ask you now, how is that you know?*

Mr. Adam Philley: *We know by the relationships strengthened on rooftops, the reinstating of credentials long overdue, and the overflowing boxes of breakfast food donations.*

Ms. Hannah Castro: *We know by the voices of the children's prayers piercing through the crowd and the resonating vision of our Bishop to get up, take our mats, and walk.*

Rev. Katrena King: *We know by the palpable passion of our laity to fortify our beloved connection and our dedication to practicing and growing in diversity and inclusion.*

Rev. Karli Pidgeon: *We know by the lives and legacies of those whose bodies have passed but whose spirits we were blessed to witness in this space. We know by the hunger with which we entered these doors to hear the taught Word.*

Mr. Adam Philley: *We know by the joy radiating from the children of God whose lives are no longer labeled as incompatible and by the harm that was named and apologies extended.*

Ms. Hannah Castro: *We know by the passion of our college leaders, the fervor of our missionaries, and the new wind blowing through with the gathering of 47 youth.*

Rev. Katrena King: *We know by the reports that were shared, the votes that were passed, the needles that were moved, the people who have faithfully served and all those stepping into the work ahead.*

Rev. Karli Pidgeon: *We know by how the commissioned, the ordained, and the licensed said: "I do" and "I will." We know by the sound of so many footsteps approaching the altar last night with first-time ministry commitments.*

Mr. Adam Philley: *We know by the way voices filled the room during worship, hearts attuned for prayers for our people, and friendships strengthened in hallways. .*

ALL: *We know that we want to be made well because 38 years is too long to be sick and Jesus has met us down by the water.*

We know that we want to be made well because a new day has found us, the stone has rolled, we've been called out, and there are burial cloths to unbind.

Bishop Williamston: *We know that we want to be made well because hope has spoken once again and said, "God's not done with you yet, Louisiana Conference. Keep.... Moving... Forward."*

ALL: *We are ready to go, praise God!*

Rev. Robert Johnson: *Then go now with the assurance that you have added to grace and goodness this week, that you are not alone, that we'll walk this next road together with hope and with joy, and that the best is surely yet to come!*

Bishop Williamston: *The appointments have been set. Go in peace!*

The Worship Band from Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge provided energizing instrumental music as the recessional.

The fifty-fourth session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church was adjourned by Bishop Delores J. Williamston, presiding Bishop, at approximately 12:30 pm on Friday, June 14, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kyle Wooldridge
Journal Editor

The Committee on the Journal has reviewed the minutes and certify that they are true and correct.
Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, Chair

BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The Minutes of the **Louisiana Annual Conference**

Held in **Baton Rouge, LA**

From (date) **June 11, 2024** through **June 14, 2024**

Bishop **Delores J. Williamston**, Presiding

Date When Organized: **1971**

Number of This Session: **54**

PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§603.7, 619)?

Secretary: Rev. Dr. Thomas (Tom) E. Dolph

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2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (§603.1)? **Yes**

3. Bonding and auditing:

What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (§618, 2511)?

Name	Position	Amount Bonded
Sandy O'Brien	Treasurer/Conference Benefits Officer	\$500,000
Michele Giarrusso	Comptroller/Assistant Treasurer	\$500,000
Rhonda Whitley	Assistant, Finance & Benefits; Congregational Vitality	\$500,000
Jewell Johnson	Assistant, Finance & Benefits	\$500,000
Kyle Wooldridge	Assistant, Clergy Excellence; Connectional Ministries	\$500,000

Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (§617, 2511)? **Yes** (See report, pages **357-384** of Journal.)

4. What agencies have been appointed or elected?

- a) Who have been elected chairpersons for the mandated structures listed:

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Council on Finance and Administration (§611)	Weldon Bares	812 Kirkman St. Lake Charles, LA 70601	318-348-6820	weldon.bares@fumclc.org
Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (§635)	Austin Rinehart	4511 Cypress St. Zachary, LA 70791	318-282-2790	austin.rinehart@me.com
Conference Board of Pensions (§639)	Richard "Dick" Humphries	394 Tom Robinson Rd. Homer, LA 71040	337-789-3597	dickie37@icloud.com
Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference (§640, §2512)	Kaseem Short	PO Box 13102 New Orleans, LA 70185	504-376-3153	pastork@thomasumc.org

Conference Committee on Episcopacy (§637)	Jennifer Swann	1917 W. St. Mary Blvd. Lafayette, LA 70506	337-852-4710	jen@adamjen.com
Conference Administrative Review Committee (§636)	Ramonalyn Bethley	2727 Jackson St. Alexandria, LA 71301-4738	985-259-1128 318-443-5696	drrevrl@aol.com
United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) (§647)	Brenda Thomas-Nero	17742 Wisdom Ave. Baker, LA 70714	225-654-3739 225-588-4235	brene3@aol.com
General Commission on United Methodist Men (§648)	Mark Lubbock	7533 Quorum Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70817	225-252-3331	mlubbock@gcumm.org
Conference Commission on Archives and History (§641)	Lueburda Myers	PO Box 36797 Shreveport, LA 71133-6797	318-344-8965	ljmyers@msn.com

b) Indicate the name of the agency (or agencies) and the chairperson(s) in your annual conference which is (are) responsible for the functions related to each of the following general church agencies (§610.1):

General Agency	Conference Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Conference Board of Church and Society	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	TBE			
Conference Board of Discipleship Ministries	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	TBE			
Conference Board of Global Ministry	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	TBE			
Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry		Katie Black	6109 Hwy. 311 Houma, LA 70360-6659	337-377-7010	revkatieblack@gmail.com
Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	TBE			
Commission on Religion and Race	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	TBE			
Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	Katrena King	511 W. St. Louis Lafayette, LA 70506	504-559-2066	katrenaking@la-umc.org
Commissions on Communications	Communications	Todd Rossnagel	527 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70802	225-346-1646	rossnagel@la-umc.org

c) Indicate the conference agencies/organizations and chairperson(s) or equivalent which have responsibilities for the following functions:

General Agency / Organization	Name of Agency	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Committee on Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (§657)	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	TBE			

Committee on Disability Concerns (§653)	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	TBE			
Commission on Equitable Compensation (§625)		JoAnne Pounds	312 College Ln. Thibodaux, LA 70301	214-404-8797	revjoannepounds@gmail.com
Conference Board of Laity (§631)		John F. Smith	9758 W. Tams St. Baton Rouge, LA 70815	225-281-2298	jfredericksmith@bellsouth.net
Committee on Native American Ministry (§654)	Mission, Mercy, & Discipleship	Cyril “Kirby” Verret	PO Box 127 Dulac, LA 70353	985-856-5037	ckirbyverret@icloud.com
Conference Commission on Small Membership Church (§645)	Congregational Vitality	Chad Brooks	3911 Gingerbread Alexandria, LA 71303	318-278-4185	cbrooks@la-umc.org
Conference Council on Youth Ministry (§649)		TBN			
Conference Council on Young Adult Ministry (§650)		Caleb Porter	114 N. Cypress St. Apt. 1 Hammond, LA 70401	985-335-0217	calebmporter93@gmail.com
Director of Connectional Ministries (§608)		Van Stinson	527 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70802	225-346-1646	vanstinson@la-umc.org
Jurisdictional Committee		TBN			
Conference Chancellor		Daniel Lund, III	365 Canal St. Suite 2000 New Orleans, LA 70130	504-669-7576	daniel.lund@phelps.com
Conference Journal Editor	Courtesies, Credentials, and Journal	Kyle Wooldridge	527 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70802	225-346-1646	kwooldridge@la-umc.org

d) Have persons been elected for the following district boards and committees? Answer yes or no.

(1) District Boards of Church Location & Building (§2518.2) **Yes**

(2) Committees on District Superintendency (§669) **Yes**

(3) District Committees on Ordained Ministry (§666) **Yes**

e) What other councils, boards, commissions, or committees have been appointed or elected in the annual conference?

Structure	Chairperson	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Email
Committee on Courtesies, Credentials, & Journal	Tom Dolph	2006 River Rd. Shreveport, LA 71105	225-405-5927	tom@gracehappens.org
Committee on Investigation	John Edd Harper	1910 Camelot Dr. Grapevine, TX 76051	225-205-2776	johneddharper@gmail.com
Committee on Nominations	Bishop Delores J. Williamston	527 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70802	225-346-1646	bishopsoffice@la-umc.org
Congregational Vitality Team	Amy Castro	704 Johnson St. Westlake, LA 70669	337-274-4700 337-433-8424	amycastro624@gmail.com
Committee on Petitions	Ramonalyn Bethley	2727 Jackson St. Alexandria, LA 71301	318-443-5696	drrevrl@aol.com

Committee on Rules	Scott Hughes	604 Pierrmont Rd. Shreveport, LA 71106	318-286-5958	scott@nwlar.org
Ministry Assessment Team	Henry Stamper	PO Box 14298 Baton Rouge, LA 70898-4298	225-921-7953	stamper6@bellsouth.net
Committee on the Episcopal Residence	Jennifer Swann	1917 W. St. Mary Blvd. Lafayette, LA 70506	337-852-4710	jen@adamjen.com
Strategic Implementation Team	TBE			

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept and reported their respective data in accordance with the prescribed formats (§606.8)? **Yes**
6. What is the schedule of minimum base compensation for clergy for the ensuing year (§342, 625.3)?
For 2025: Full Time Local Pastor (FTLP) – \$48,002
Full Elder – \$49,922
Associate Member – \$49,442
Provisional Member – \$48,962
For calculating Equitable Compensation (EC), for every year of full time service for full time clergy, add \$100 per year up to 10 years for a maximum of \$1000. (No EC for part time clergy.) If there is more than one church on the Full Time appointment charge, then add another \$200 per church per year for each additional church on the charge.
7. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (§614.1a)? **\$645,000**
8. a) What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference for the ensuing year (§614.1d, 1507)? **\$0**
The Conference Board of Pensions & Health Benefits (CBOPHB) assessed the ongoing need for apportionment funds, and determined that a request for 2025 would remain at \$0, as there is sufficient investment income from CBOPHB's unrestricted reserves to cover the various clergy benefits, excluding health insurance, and pension and welfare plans.
- b) What are the apportionments to this conference for the ensuing year?
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| (1) For the World Service Fund | \$512,574 |
| (2) For the Ministerial Education Fund | \$177,298 |
| (3) For the Black College Fund | \$ 70,722 |
| (4) For the Africa University Fund | \$ 15,827 |
| (5) For the Episcopal Fund | \$252,656 |
| (6) For the General Administration Fund | \$ 86,629 |
| (7) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund | \$ 7,337 |
9. Conference and district lay leaders (§603.9, 660):
- a) Conference Lay Leader: **John Frederick Smith**
Mailing Address: **9758 W. Tams St. Baton Rouge, LA 70815**
- b) Associate conference lay leader(s): **Susie Cox**
- c) District and associate district lay leaders:
North District – Susie Cox
Southeast District – Elizabeth “Libby” Shackelford
Southwest District – Angie Comeaux
10. List local churches which have been:
- a) Organized or continued as **New Church Starts** (§259,1-4 continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14. c, d, e, or f):

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Date Founded
140777	Ruston UMC	North			May 1, 2024

b) Organized or continued as **Mission Congregations** (§259.1-4 continue to list congregations here until listed in questions 14.c, d, e, or f): **None**

c) Organized or continued **Satellite Congregations** (§247.22 continue to list here until listed in questions 14.a, d, e, or f): **None**

d) Organized as **Chartered** (§259.5-10): **None**

e) Merged (§254.6, 254.7):

(1) United Methodist with United Methodist: **None**

(2) Other mergers (indicate denomination): **None**

f) Discontinued or abandoned (§229, 341.2, 254.9). Include reason for each church listed.

(1) New Church Start (§259.2,3, §255.3):

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
709050	7 th Ward (Spirit Church)	New Orleans	527 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70802	October 9, 2024	End of missional life

(2) Mission Congregation (§259.1a, §255.3): **None**

(3) Satellite Congregation (§247.22): **None**

(4) Chartered Local Church (§259.5, §255.3):

GCFA Number	Church Name	District	Location	Date Closed	Reason for Closure
713600	Lutcher United Methodist Church	New Orleans	2347 Texas St. Lutcher, LA 70071	April 15, 2024	Exigent Circumstances
710515	James Chapel United Methodist Church	Baton Rouge	28200 James Chapel Rd. Holden, LA 70744	August 31, 2023	Exigent Circumstances
715803	Haughton United Methodist Church	Shreveport	215 E. McKinley Ave. Haughton, LA 71037	December 31, 2023	Exigent Circumstances
709631	Atlanta United Methodist Church	Alexandria	12732 Main St. Atlanta, LA 71402	July 7, 2023	Exigent Circumstances
710732	New Hope United Methodist Church	Baton Rouge	12859 LA Hwy. 421 Spillman, LA 70775 or Jackson, LA 70748	June 23, 2023	Exigent Circumstances
710710	Concord United Methodist Church	Baton Rouge	9651 LA Hwy. 421 Spillman, LA 70775 or Jackson, LA 70748	June 23, 2023	Exigent Circumstances
714444	Ansley United Methodist Church (Union Church)	Monroe	318 Ansley Rd. Ruston, LA 71270	June 30, 2024	End of missional life
140232	Legacy United Methodist Church (formerly Embrace which merged with Love Chapel United Methodist Church)	Shreveport	2001 Forest Hills Blvd. Haughton, LA 71037	August 27, 2023	End of missional life
974820	Newell United Methodist Church	New Orleans	229 LaMarque St. Mandeville, LA 70448	October 1, 2023	End of missional life
711383	Mathews Memorial United Methodist Church	Lake Charles-Acadiana	201 Central Lafourche Mathews, LA 70375	June 30, 2024	End of missional life
715780	Hall Summit United Methodist Church	Alexandria	6021 Conley Ave. Hall Summit, LA 71034	May 24, 2024	End of missional life
709128	Trinity United Methodist Church	Alexandria	5752 Bayou Rapides Rd. Alexandria, LA 71303	June 1, 2024	End of missional life
716000	Pelican United Methodist Church	Alexandria	124 Jackson Ave. Pelican, LA 71063	April 21, 2024	End of missional life

714934	Colquitt United Methodist Church	Shreveport	8590 Hwy. 2 Alt. Haynesville, LA 71038	June 30, 2024	End of missional life
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- g) Relocated and to what address: **None**
h) Changed name of church (Example: "First" to "Trinity"): **None**
i) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership (§41, 260): **None**
j) What cooperative parishes in structured forms have been established (§206): **None**
k) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches? Districts renamed:
Alexandria, Monroe, and Shreveport Districts now North District
Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts now Southeast District
Lake Charles-Acadiana District now Southwest District
11. Are there Ecumenical Shared Ministries in the conference (§207, 208)?
a) Federated church: **None**
b) Union Church: **None**
c) Merged Church: **None**
d) Yoked Parish: **None**
12. What changes have been made in district and charge lines? Please list the GCFA Number beside church name.
***See attached Church List at end of this report, showing new District assignment**
North District
Sever: Cross Roads (715654) – Hall Summit (715780)
Logansport, First (715905) – Logansport, Bethel (715585)
Clay (714706) – Ansley (714444)
Create: Cross Roads (715654)
Logansport, First (715905)
Logansport, Bethel (715585)
Clay (714706)
Southeast District
Sever: Algiers (713666) – Belle Chasse (713690)
Create: Algiers (713666)
Belle Chasse (713690)
Southwest District
Sever: Donaldsonville, First (711122) – Lutchet (713600)
New Iberia, St. James (974044) – St. Martinville, Mallalieu (974077)
Create: Donaldsonville, First (711122)
New Iberia, St. James (974044)
St. Martinville, Mallalieu (974077)

PART II PERTAINING TO ORDAINED AND LICENSED CLERGY

Note: A (v) notation following a question in this section signifies that the action or election requires a majority vote of the clergy session of the annual conference. If an action requires more than a simple majority, the notation (v 2/3) or (v 3/4) signifies that a two-thirds or three-fourths majority vote is required. Indicate credential of persons in Part II: FD, FE, PD, PE, and AM when requested.

13. Are all the clergy members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (§604.4, 605.7)? *The character and conference relations of all clergy members have been reviewed by the Cabinet and Board of Ordained Ministry, and those clergy found to be in good standing are approved for annual appointment. Any clergy whose character or conference relations are in questions, are being reviewed by appropriate bodies as defined by the United Methodist Book of Discipline.*
14. Who constitute:
a) The Administrative Review Committee (§636) (v)?
Katie McKay Simpson, Ramonalyn Bethley, Chair, Roger Lathan
b) The Conference Relations Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§635.1d)?
Class of 2024 – Mary “Mimi” McDowell, Chair
John Cannon, Karen Soileau (L)

- c) The Committee on Investigation (§2703)?
 Clergy: **Class of 2020 – Juliet Spencer**
Class of 2024 – John Edd Harper, Chair
 Laity: **Class of 2020 – Edward M. Dodd**
Class of 2024 – Carolyn Carter Collins, George “Buzzy” Anding
 Alternates:
 Clergy: **Class of 2020 – Katie L. Black**
Class of 2024 – Donnie Wilkinson
 Laity: **Class of 2020 – Terrell J. Deville**
Class of 2024 – Alice Higginbotham

15. Who are the certified candidates (§§ 310, 313, 314)? (NOTE: Everyone who wants to become an LP, PE, or PD must first become a certified candidate.)

- a) Who are currently certified as candidates for ordained or licensed ministry?

Name	District	Date Certified	Last Recertification
Elise Clerc Burch	North	February 28, 2023	
Malcolm Dean Carter	Southeast	March 14, 2024*	
Desmond Ray Dunn	Southeast	March 14, 2024*	
Leslie Michele Batchelor Frietch	North	April 1, 2024*	
Charles Maurice Green	Southeast	March 14, 2024*	
Joseph Lee LeBoeuf	Southeast	March 14, 2024*	
Lauren Broussard LeBoeuf	Southeast	September 9, 2020	
Neva Marie Joseph	Southeast	May 19, 2015	
Victoria Leigh Lambert	Southeast	November 28, 2023*	
Britney Winn Lee	North	January 11, 2022	
Peter Isaac Mace	North	February 28, 2023*	
Raymond Anton Partsch, III	Southwest	March 26, 2024*	
Nancy Flye Riffe	Southeast	May 30, 2023	

- b) Who have had their candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry accepted by a District Committee on Ordained Ministry in another annual conference (Include name of accepting conference.)? **None**

- c) Who have been discontinued as certified candidates for licensed or ordained ministry?

Name	District	Date Certified	Date Discontinued
Paul John Adams	Southeast	December 20, 2016	March 13, 2024
Daniel Lund, III	Southeast	2012	June 30, 2024
William McLain	North	1998	July 21, 2023
Rene ´ Moradel	North	October 16, 2015	December 31, 2023
Bernadette Maree St. Amand	Southeast	October 17, 2017	November 16, 2023
Zachary Wade Pittman	Southeast	October 17, 2017	March 13, 2024
Nelson Dejuan Williams	Southeast	December 19, 2018	March 13, 2024

*(Note: Once a candidate is appointed as FL or PL, they are no longer listed as a certified candidate (except the first year they are appointed when they would need to be listed in 15 and in 16 or 17). Students appointed as Local Pastors (§318.3) are the only people who are allowed to be listed as a candidate in one conference while being listed as an LP in a different conference. Par.318.3 stipulate that students appointed as local pastors can serve in either a full or part-time capacity.)

16. Who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, are approved, but are not now appointed (§315)? Indicate for each person the year the license was approved: (3/4v)

Name	District	Year Licensed Approved	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Holly Ellis Berry	North	2021	12/20	March 6, 2020
Martha Edicta Canizales	Southeast	2018	5/20	
Adam Thomas Campbell	Southeast	2019	7/20	November 28, 2023
Thomas Woodrow Cook	Southeast	2018		January 18, 2023
Jason Lee Harris	Southeast	2021	M. Div.	
Pattye Dial Hewitt	Southeast	2003	*	
Karen Allen Roubion	Southeast	2020	1/20	
Lindsey Ann Sirman	Southwest	2019	1/20	
Nicholas Ryan Wolfe	Southwest	2021	3/20	October 28, 2020

17. Who are approved and appointed as: (Indicate for each person the first year the license was awarded; indicate what progress each has made within the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled; indicate with an asterisk those that who have completed the five-year course of study or the M.Div. (§319.4))?
PLEASE NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (3/4 v)

a) Full-time local pastors (§318.1):

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Eugene Maurice Boger	Southeast	2015	Gammon ITC	November 30, 2023
Milton Edward Bourque, Jr.	Southwest	2003	*	March 21, 2024
Joel Luther Carter	North	2018	4/20	
Jo Ann Cooper	Southwest	2001	*	
Stephanie Edna Green	North	2016	Asbury	
Robert Earl Johnson, Sr.	Southwest	2005	*	March 25, 2024
Neva Marie Joseph	Southeast	2024	M. Div.	March 14, 2024
Lisa Thomisee Mayo	North	2006	*	
Todd James Rossnagel	Southeast	2016	12/20	November 28, 2023
Truman Prescott Stagg	Southeast	2001	*	March 13, 2024
Heather Bethley Sullivan	Southeast	2017	*	November 28, 2023
Kale Frederick Wetekamm	Southeast	2022	M. Div.	November 28, 2023

b) Part-time local pastors (§318.2) (fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments):

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of time to be served	Course of Study/Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Dianne Allen	North	1998	1/4	*	
Greaselda Abram Bickham	Southwest	2017	1/2	*	March 26, 2024
Darrel Wayne Briggs, Sr.	Southwest	2001	1/2	*	March 21, 2024
Karen Marshall Carr	Southwest	2019	1/4	4/20	
Christopher Dale Charles	North	2014	3/4	*	
Jerald David Danzell	North	2003	3/4	*	
Renee Andree Deaton	Southeast	2011	3/4	16/20	November 28, 2023
Aaron Michael DeGruy, Sr.	Southeast	2021	1/4	0/20	November 30, 2023
Helen Gray Durieux	Southwest	2023	1/2	1/20	
Montie' L'Oreal Dobbins	North	2021	<1/2	6/20	
Junius Egby, Jr.	Southwest	2008	1/4	*	March 19, 2024
Todd Mitchell Fee	North	2018	1/4	M.Div.	
Leslie Michele B. Frietch	North	2024	1/4	0/20	
Linda Barnes Gatlin	North	2006	1/4	*	
Sonia Denise Gee	North	2004	1/4	*	
Isaac Leon Hammond	Southeast	2008	1/4	Gammon ITC	March 13, 2024
Marion Sylvester Hills	North	2010	1/4	*	
Jeffrey Wayne Johnson	Southeast	2022	1/4	0/20	
Debra Kay Keller	Southeast	2017	3/4	*	March 28, 2024
Robert Lee Lane, Jr.	North	2019	1/4	4/20	
Sherry Ann Mathews	Southwest	2023	1/4	0/20	
Gregory McClay, Sr.	Southeast	1992	1/4	*	
Bryan Lloyd McCoy	North	2018	1/4	8/20	
Ryan Dale McKnight	Southeast	2023	1/2	Perkins	March 28, 2024
Michael Todd Mynes	North	2021	1/2	5/20	
Steffanie Rhae Pace	Southwest	2021	1/2	Asbury	
Raymond Anton Partsch, III	Southwest	2024	1/4	0/20	March 26, 2024
Susan Catherine Pugh	Southwest	1995	1/4	*	
Kimberly Ann Richard	Southwest	2018	1/4	6/20	
Nancy Flye Riffe	Southeast	2024	1/4	0/20	November 28, 2023
Nolan M. Robinson	Southeast	1991	1/4	*	
Dalton Edward Rushing, Jr.	North	2009	<1/2	17/20	October 27, 2022
Kaseem Nabajia Short	Southeast	2007	3/4	*	March 14, 2024
Keith Lee Shuford	Southeast	2023	1/4	1/20	
Brandon Michael Sikes	Southeast	2021	1/2	Perkins	November 28, 2023

William Edward Smith	North	2008	3/4	*	
Andryl Rozell Spikes	Southeast	2018	1/4	M. Div.	March 14, 2024
Richard Buckner Twyman	North	2017	1/4	13/20	
Thomas Murray Twyman	North	2020	1/2	M. Div.	
Charles Edward Washington	Southeast	2007	3/4	*	March 19, 2024
Samuel Eugene Wheless	North	2017	1/4	5/20	
Terry Joe Wheless	North	2017	1/4	5/20	
Tricia Lynn Wilkinson	Southeast	2022	<1/2	Perkins	March 28, 2024
Trina Evans Williams	Southeast	2012	1/2	14/20	November 30, 2023
Christopher Lee Yates	North	2023	1/4	1/20	

- c) Students from other annual conferences or denominations serving as local pastors and enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3,4)? **None**
- d) Students who have been certified as candidates in your annual conference and are serving as local pastors in another annual conference while enrolled in a school of theology listed by the University Senate (§318.3)? **None**
- e) Persons serving as local pastors while seeking readmission to conference membership (§365.4, 367, 368.3) (If not in this conference indicate name of conference where serving.)? **None**
- f) Who are approved for an annual extension beyond the prescribed limit of time of completed Course of Study as recommended by DCOM and BOM (§319.3) (v)?
- 1.) Full Time:

Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study Courses Completed
Todd James Rossnagel	2016	12/20

2.) Part Time:

Name	Year Licensed	Course of Study Courses Completed
Renee Andree Deaton	2011	16/20
Dalton Edward Rushing, Jr.	2009	17/20
Trina Evans Williams	2012	14/20

g) Retired Local Pastors Under Appointment?

Name	District	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of Time to be Served	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Samuel L. Bradley		1993	1/4	*	
Paul Curtis Carroll, Jr.	Southeast	2004	Fulltime	M. Div.	
Barbara Calhoun-Gibson	Southeast	2012	1/2	M. Div.	March 14, 2024
Clark L. J. Clark	Southeast	2009	1/4	*	
Anna Morris Jackson	North	2009	1/4	*	
Valla Marie Johnson	Southwest	2014	3/4	*	March 21, 2024
Henry Louis Jones	Southeast	1991	1/2	*	March 13, 2024
Mary Louise Jones	North	2004	<1/2	*	
John Bernard Joseph, Jr.	Southwest	2021	<1/2	0/20	
Donny Ray Nedd	North	1992	1/4	*	
James Edward Ray, Sr.	North	1993	1/2	*	
Constance R. Saizon	Southeast	2000	3/4	*	March 13, 2024
Inita Louise Smith	Southeast	2001	1/4	*	March 13, 2024
John Elbert Tellis, Sr.	North	2015	1/2	0/20	
Cyril A. "Kirby" Verret	Southwest	1987	1/4	*	April 5, 2024
Thomas A. Wesley	Southwest	1984	1/2	*	March 26, 2024

18. Who have been discontinued as local pastors (§320.1)?

Name	Date discontinued
Daniel Lund, III	June 30, 2024
William McClain	July 21, 2023
Rene ´ Moradel	December 31, 2023
Bobbie Jean Wiley	June 13, 2024

19. Who have been reinstated as local pastors (§320.4) (v)? **None**

20. What ordained ministers or provisional members from other Annual Conferences or Methodist denominations are approved for appointment in the Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership (§§331.8, 346.1)? List alphabetically; indicate Annual Conference or denomination where membership is held. Indicate credential.

a) Annual Conferences:

Name	Clergy Status	Home Conference	Year When Service in your AC began
Kurt Appel	OE	Mississippi	2024
Herbert Brisbon	OE	Baltimore-Washington	2024
Bryan Keith Dalco	OE	Central Texas	2023
William Ryan Ford	OE	Holston	2016
Joseph Franklin Whalen, Jr.	OR	Baltimore-Washington	2024

b) Other Methodist Denominations:

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination	Year When Service in your AC began
Kaylan Brian Walker	OE	Christian Methodist Episcopal	2015
Rosmary Mejia Lafontaine	OR	Methodist Church of Puerto Rico	2024
Gabriel Kim	OE	Korean Methodist Church	2024

21. What clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (§§331.8, 346.2)? (v) Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference. Indicate credential.

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination	Year When Service in your AC began
Johnie Washington Adkins, Jr.	RF	Southern Baptist	2000
Warren Eugene Langford	OF	Southern Baptist	2019
Asriel Gamaliel McLain	OF	National Baptist Convention, USA	2012
Alton Ray Preston	OF	Independent Baptist	2013
Lawanda Faye Smith Mobley	OF	Southern Baptist	2007
Sandra Ann Williams	RF	Southern Baptist	2010

22. Who are affiliate members? List alphabetically; indicate annual conference or denomination where membership is held.

a) With vote (§586.4b) (v) **None**

b) Without vote (§§334.5, 344.4) (v 2/3) **None**

NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, list these persons in Question 36 only. If persons have been admitted or ordained by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, list these persons in Questions 23-35, whichever are appropriate, giving the date and name of the accommodating conference.

23. Who are elected as associate members §322 (3/4v)? List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23. **None**

24. Who are **elected** as provisional members and what seminary are they attending, if in school (under §§322.4, 324, 325)?

a) Provisional Deacons under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, c or §324.5(3/4v): **None**

b) Provisional Elders under the provisions of §§ 324.4a, b or §324.6 (3/4v); § 322.4 (v 3/4):

Name	Seminary
Amy Duhon Castro	Perkins

25. Who are **continued as** provisional members, in what year were they admitted to provisional membership, and what seminary are they attending, if in school (§326, § 327 v)?

a) In preparation for ordination as a deacon or elder (§326):

Name	Clergy Status	Year	Seminary
Alice Gautreaux Boutte	PE	2022	Perkins
Rebecca Wharton Bowers	PD	2020	Asbury
Katrena Porter King	PD	2023	Garrett
Magdeline Rose Russo	PD	2023	Candler

b) Provisional deacons who became provisional elders (v): **None**

- c) Provisional elders who became provisional deacons (v) (Indicate year): **None**
 d) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations (§347.1) (v): **None**

26. What ordained clergy have been received from other Christian denominations (§347.3)? List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23:

- a) As provisional members (§347.3c) (v): **None**
 b) As local pastors (§347.3) (v): **None**

27. What ordained clergy, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§348)? **None**

28. Who are elected as members in full connection (List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23? **Anyone appearing on this question must also be listed somewhere in questions 29-30 or 32, unless the clergy's orders from another denomination were recognized on question 27 in a previous year.**) (v 3/4):

a) Deacons:

Name
Megan McGuirt Stuermann

b) Elders:

Name
Brian Eric Coplin
Mary Rachel Moore
Megan Leah Twyman
Johnathan Carlton Richardson

29. Who are ordained as deacons and what seminary awarded their degree? If their master's degree is not from a seminary, at what seminary did they complete the basic graduate theological studies: List alphabetically-see note preceding Question 23.

a) After provisional membership (§330) (v 3/4):

Name	Seminary
Megan McGuirt Stuermann	

b) Transfer from elder (§309) (v 3/4): **None**

30. Who are ordained as elders and what seminary awarded their degree?

a) After provisional membership (§335) (v 3/4):

Name	Seminary
Brian Eric Coplin	Asbury
Mary Rachel Moore	Duke
Megan Leah Twyman	Perkins

b) Transfer from deacon (§309) (v 3/4): **None**

31. What provisional members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (§364) (v)? **None**

32. Who are readmitted (§§365-367 [v], §368 [v 2/3])?

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Status	Note
Leonard Deen Thompson	FE	FE	Readmit related to human sexuality

33. Who are returned to the effective relationship after voluntary retirement (§357.7): (v)?

Name	Clergy Status	Year Retired
Daniel P. Gleason	RE	2022

34. Who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§§347.1, 416.5, 635.2n)? List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.: (v):

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Conference	Date of Transfer
Joshua Michael Fitzpatrick	FE	North Texas	July 1, 2024
Lisa Ann Pridmore	FE	Mississippi	July 1, 2024

35. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (§347.2)? List alphabetically. Indicate credential. **None**

36. Who have been ordained as a courtesy to other conferences, after election by the other conference? See note preceding Question 23. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do not require transfer of conference membership.

- a) Deacons: **None**
b) Elders: **None**

37. Who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§416.5)? List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 23. **None**

38. Who are discontinued as provisional members (§327) (v)?

- a) By expiration of eight-year time limit (§327): **None**
b) By voluntary discontinuance (§327.6) (v):

Name	Clergy Status
Kaitlin Babington	PD

c) By involuntary discontinuance (§327.6) (v): **None**

d) By reaching Mandatory Retirement Age (§327.7): **None**

39. Who are on location?

- a) Who has been granted honorable location (§358.1)?
(1) This year (v): **None**
(2) Previously:

Name	Year Originally Granted	Status	Charge Conference Membership	Year of Most Recent Report
Debra Kay Brazzel	2008	HN	North Carolina - Duke Memorial	2023
Gregor Anthony Dike	2008	HN	Kentucky, Ashland – Morehead UMC	2022
Scott Lee Edenfield	1998	HN	Texas, Southwest – Mission Bend	2022
Clinton Powers, Lovell, Sr.	2012	HN	Louisiana, North – Greenwood UMC	2023
George Walker Martin, Jr.	1982	HN	Georgia, Atlanta – Dunwoody UMC	2022
William Norman Sheffield	2022	HN		2021

b) Who on honorable location are appointed ad interim as local pastors (§358.2)? Indicate date and appointment. **None**

c) Who has been placed on administrative location (§359)?

- (1) This year (v): **None**
(2) Ad Interim Administrative Location (v): **None**
(3) Previously: **None**

40. Who have been granted the status of honorable location-retired (§358.3)?

- a) This year (v): **None**
b) Previously:

Name	Clergy Status	Year Honorable Location Originally Granted	Charge Conference Membership
Mary Sloan Baugh	HR	2008	LA, Southeast – Jordan UMC
Lynn Merrill	HR	2011	LA, North – Clay UMC
James A. Richardson	HR	1986	LA, Southeast – Blackwater UMC
Joe C. Rice	HR	2022	LA, North – Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport
Kathy H. Schaffhauser	HR	1995	LA, Southeast – Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge

41. Who have had their status as honorably located and their orders terminated (§358.2) (v)? **None**

42. Who have had their conference membership terminated?

- a) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§360.1, .4):

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status	New Reported Denomination
Steven Dale Berger	July 2, 2023	RE	Global Methodist Church
John Robert Black	July 1, 2023	FE	Global Methodist Church
Leon A. Boggs	December 31, 2023	RE	
Scott Tregle Bullock	July 26, 2023	RE	Global Methodist Church
Robert Lee Burgess	December 31, 2023	RE	Global Methodist Church

Eunice Ncube Chigumira	June 30, 2024	FE	Global Methodist Church
Simon Chigumira	June 30, 2024	FE	Global Methodist Church
Ronald Pat Day	July 9, 2023	RE	Global Methodist Church
M. Douglas Ezell	December 31, 2023	RE	
Ted D. Freeland	December 31, 2023	RE	Global Methodist Church
John G. Hankins	December 31, 2023	RE	
Janet D. Hogstrom	December 1, 2023	RD	Anglican Church of North America
Susan Dungan Lawrence	December 31, 2023	RD	
Keith Lynn Murray	September 30, 2023	RE	
Laura Elaine Nusbaum	October 23, 2023	RE	
Lamar Clay Oliver	July 10, 2023	RE	Global Methodist Church
Raymon L. Owens, Jr.	December 31, 2023	RE	
L. Michael Palermo	January 20, 2024	RA	
Brian Ridgedell	October 1, 2023	RE	
Robert Larry Stafford	December 31, 2023	RE	
Darryl Allen Tate	December 31, 2023	RE	Global Methodist Church
Kathy S. Wafer	August 10, 2023	FE	Global Methodist Church

b) By withdrawal from the ordained ministerial office (§360.2, .4):

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status
Joshua Douglas Milliron	May 13, 2024	FE
Fernando Manuel Rivera	June 3, 2024	FE

c) By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§§360.3, .4; 2719.2): None

d) By termination of orders under recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§§ 358.2, 359.3) (v):
None

e) By trial (§2713): None

43. Who have been suspended under the provisions of §362.1d, §2704.2c or §2711.3? Give effective dates. Indicate credential. None

44. Deceased (List alphabetically)

a) What associate members have died during the year?

Active: None

Retired: None

b) What provisional members have died during the year? Indicate credential.

Active: None

Retired: None

c) What elders have died during the year?

Active: None

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
James Walter Jones	August 1, 1935	October 20, 2023
Leslie P. Norris, Jr.	August 2, 1940	October 28, 2023
James Claud Skinner	June 29, 1926	June 4, 2023
Theo S. "Ted" Standley	November 16, 1947	February 18, 2024
John Murray Winn, Jr.	January 22, 1930	December 27, 2023

d) What deacons have died during the year?

Active: None

Retired: None

e) What local pastors have died during the year?

Active: None

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Kenneth Wallace Holt	December 4, 1948	December 23, 2023

45. What provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (§§331.8, 346.1)?

Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment
Ellen Rhea Alston	FE	Arkansas	Hendrix College, Conway
Clair Lorraine Carter	FD	Florida	Trinity UMC, Gainesville
Leah Stevens Gaughan	FD	Florida	First UMC, Winter Park
Bertrand Griffin, II	FE	Virginia	Mt. Crawford Charge
Jessica A. Lowe	FE	North Texas	Grace Ave. UMC, Frisco
Amanda Rose Smith	FE	Arkansas	Norphlet UMC, Norphlet

46. Who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (§353)? Indicate credential. Record Charge Conference where membership is held.

a) Voluntary:

(1) Personal, 5 years or less (§353.2a 3) (v):

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Jacqueline Collins	FE	November 3, 2020 (3)	North: Asbury UMC, Bossier City
Jason Klay Harrison	FE	September 1, 2023 (1)	
Todd W. Mallory	FE	July 1, 2024 (1)	
Rachel McConnell-Switzer	FE	January 1, 2023 (3)	North; Noel UMC, Shreveport
John Reynolds Sewell, IV	FE	July 1, 2022 (3)	Southwest: Henning Memorial, Sulphur
Cory Lewis Sparks	FE	December 1, 2020 (4)	Southeast: Bethany UMC, New Orleans

(2) Personal, more than 5 years (§353.2a 3) (v 2/3): **None**

(3) Family, 5 years or less (§353.2b 3) (v):

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Peter Grant Gaughan	FE	December 1, 2021 (3)	Southeast: St. John's UMC, Baton Rouge
Juliet P. Spencer	FE	July 1, 2024 (1)	Southwest: Henning Memorial, Sulphur

(4) Family, more than 5 years (§353.2b 3) (v 2/3): **None**

(5) Transitional (§353.2c): **None**

b) Involuntary:

(1) Involuntary Leave (§354) (v 2/3): **None**

(2) Ad Interim Involuntary Leave (JCD 1355) (v): **None**

47. Who are granted sabbatical leave (§351) (v)? **None**

48. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (§356) (v)?

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Martha Marie Orphe	FE	March 1, 2017	Southwest: Mallalieu UMC, St. Martinville
Lisa E. L. Turnbull	FE	July 1, 2021	Southeast: University UMC, Baton Rouge
Gloria L. Youngblood	FE	July 1, 2021	Southeast: First UMC, Baton Rouge

49. What members in full connection have been retired (§357)? **List** alphabetically - If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement. (**Under §357.1, no vote required; under §357.2, v; under §357.3, v 2/3**).

Deacons:

a) This year: **None**

b) Previously: **Refer to Conference Journal Registry**

Elders:

c) This year:

Name	Date Effective
Terrence S. August (§357.1, no vote)	June 30, 2024
Lamar Chris Curry (§357.1, no vote)	June 30, 2024
Thomas Earl Dolph (§357.2, vote)	June 30, 2024
Katherine G. Howell (§357.2, vote)	June 1, 2024
William Craig Taylor (§357.1, no vote)	August 5, 2023
Leonard Deen Thompson (§357.1, no vote)	June 30, 2024
Robert Alan Weber (§357.2, vote)	June 30, 2024

d) Previously: **Refer to Conference Journal Registry**

50. What associate members have been retired (§357)? (List alphabetically. If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (§357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement.) (**Under §357.1, *no vote* required; under §357.2, *v*; under §357.3, *v* 2/3**).

a) This year: **None**

b) Previously: **Refer to Conference Journal Registry**

51. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors (§320.5)?

a) This year:

Name	Date Effective
Barbara Calhoun-Gibson (§357.1, no vote)	June 30, 2024
Christopher S. Fryou (§357.2, vote)	June 30, 2024
Valla Marie Johnson (§357.1, no vote)	June 30, 2024
John Bernard Joseph, Jr. (§357.1, no vote)	June 30, 2024
James E. Ray, Sr. (§357.1, no vote)	June 30, 2024
John Elbert Tellis (§357.1, no vote)	June 30, 2024
Richard P. Varner (§357.2, vote)	June 30, 2024

b) Previously: **Refer to Conference Journal Registry**

b) By gender and racial/ethnic identification NOTE: See the instruction for item 57 for guidelines to assist in the racial/ethnic identification count.

Clergy Demographics																																										
Categories	Deacons in Full Connection						Elders in Full Connection						Provisional Deacons						Provisional Elders						Associate Members & Affiliate Members with Vote						Full time Local Pastors						Part-time Local Pastors					
	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Male	Female	Non-Binary												
Asian				1	1																																					
Black	1	11		23	9																																					
Hispanic				1																																						
Native American				1																																						
Pacific Islander				1																																						
White	3	22		146	68			2																																		
Multi-Racial					1			1																																		
Grand Total, All Conference Clergy Members*	4	33		173	79			3					2																													
	379																																									

PART III CERTIFICATION IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Note: Indicate credential of persons in Part III: FD, FE, PD, PE, AM, FL, PL, and LM.

53. Who are the candidates in process for certification in specialized ministry?

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Nancy Eddy Hopkins	LM	Youth Ministry
Olivia Nicole Pruett	LM	Youth Ministry

54. Who are certified in specialized ministry? List the areas of specialized ministry.

Name	Clergy/Lay Status	Specialized Ministry
Joseph Daniel Awotwi	RE	Spiritual Formation
Nickie Fowler Barr	LM	Youth Ministry
Linda York Berg	LM	Christian Education
Angie Lynn Champine	LM	Youth Ministry
Kathleen Patricia Carter Conrad	LM	Spiritual Formation
Jan Lowery Cooke	LM	Christian Education
Jo Ann Cooper	FL	Spiritual Formation
Kyle James Deroche	LM	Youth Ministry
Lisa Johnson Frost	LM	Spiritual Formation
John Edward Harper	RD	Christian Education; Youth Ministry
Cynthia Frances Johnson Hooton	FE	Spiritual Formation
Cherri Turpin Johnson	LM	Spiritual Formation
Julie Dee Lafosse	LM	Youth Ministry
Robert Thomas Leitner, II	LM	Spiritual Formation
Cynthia Horaist Mann	LM	Spiritual Formation
Lynn Greeson Mitchell	LM	Spiritual Formation
Walter Isaac Pousson, Jr.	LM	Spiritual Formation
Natalie Breann Johnson Tellihero	LM	Youth Ministry
Christopher Douglas Young	LM	Youth Ministry

55. Who are transferred in as a certified person in specialized ministry? **None**

56. Who are transferred out as a certified person in specialized ministry? **None**

57. Who have been removed as a certified person in specialized ministry? **None**

PART IV ASSIGNED LAY MEMBERS

58. Who are lay members serving within your Annual Conference?

a) Certified Lay Ministers (§ 268, and 666.10) (List alphabetically, by district):

Name	District	Date of Certification	Last Recertification
Alton Elige Franks, Jr.	Southwest	May 10, 2011	2022
Walter Isaac Pousson, Jr.	Southwest		
Bryan Garrett Sibley	Southwest	June 8, 2015	
Donna Dumas Whittington	Southwest	February 29, 2011	September 23, 2015
Marilyn Bienvenu-Vinnett	Southeast	November 13, 2020	
Melanie Prejean Fontenot	Southeast	November 13, 2020	
Phyllis Estella Jefferson	Southeast	September 19, 2011	May 4, 2017
Bettie Jo Rhodes	Southeast	May 19, 2015	May 4, 2017
Charles David Sanders	Southeast	May 15, 2014	November 2, 2018
Barbara Ann Soniat	Southeast	May 23, 2016	May 4, 2017

b) DS Assigned Lay supply (SY - SUPPLIED/HIRED/ASSIGNED):

Name	District	First Year Appointed	Fraction of Time to be Served	Course of Study Courses Completed	Last Renewal Date
Isaac Belonga	Southeast	2024	1/4		
Wilfred Paul Edwards, Jr.	Southwest	2024	1/4		

James Faulk	Southwest	2018	1/4		
Charles M. Green	Southeast	2023	1/4		
Dellie Bardwell Hicks	North	2018	1/4		
Richard Kurtz	North	2022	1/4		
Robert Kelly Leach	North	2016	<1/4		
Cynthia Luquette	Southwest	2024	1/2		
Michael Alexander Munro	Southwest	2024	3/4		
Thomas Emery Pass	North	2016	1/4		
Marcus Lynn Sallier	Southwest	2024	1/4		
Cheryl Ann Thomas	Southwest	2024	1/4		
Robert Trent	Southwest	2020	1/4		
Brock Vead	North	2022	1/4		

PART V DIACONAL MINISTERS

(Paragraph numbers in questions 64-71 refer to the 1992 *Book of Discipline*)

59. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers (§312)? **None**
60. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers (§312)? **None**
61. Who have had their conference relationship as diaconal ministers terminated by Annual Conference action (§313.3)? (Under §313.3a, *no vote*; under §313.3b, *v 2/3*). **None**
62. What diaconal ministers have died during the year?
- Effective: **None**
 - Retired: **None**
63. What diaconal ministers have been granted leaves of absence under §313.1a, c, d) (disability, study/sabbatical, or personal leave) (v)? **None**
64. What diaconal ministers have been granted an extended leave (§313.1e)? **None**
65. Who have returned to active status from extended leave (§313.1e) (v)? **None**
66. Who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as diaconal ministers (§313.2): (Under §313.2b, *v 2/3*)?
- This year:

Name	Date Effective
Mary Jo Babcock (§313.2c, <i>no vote</i>)	June 30, 2024

- Previously: **Refer to Conference Journal Registry**

PART VI APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

67. Who are approved for less than full-time service?
- What associate members and elders (full and provisional) are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time of service (in one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter increments) is approval granted (§§338.2, 342.2, 1506) (*v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4*):

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
David R. Dewitt (<i>v 3/4</i>)	Southwest: Iowa, First UMC	1/4
Daniel P. Gleason (<i>v 2/3</i>)	Southeast: Hammond, First UMC	3/4
Fredrick H. Sweetwyne (<i>v 2/3</i>)	Southeast: Winan UMC, Franklinton	1/2

- b) What deacons in full connection and provisional deacons are approved for appointment to less than full-time service (§331.7):

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
Megan McGuirt Stuermann	North: Noel UMC, Shreveport	1/4
Dianne P. Wooden	Southeast: Philips Memorial, New Orleans	1/4

68. Who have been appointed as interim pastors under the provisions of §338.3 since the last session of the annual conference, and for what period?

Name	Appointment	Start Date	End Date
Timothy E. Lawson	Southeast: Elizabeth Sullivan, Bogalousa	September 1, 2023	June 30, 2024
Tracy L. MacKenzie	Southwest: St. Luke-Simpson, Lake Charles	September 1, 2023	present

69. What elders, deacons (full connection and provisional), associate members, local and supply pastors are appointed to ministry to the local church and where are they appointed for the ensuing year? (Attach a list.)

70. What changes have been made in appointments since the last annual conference session? (Attach list. Include and identify Appointments Beyond the Local Church (Deacons) and Appointments to Extension Ministries (Elders). Give effective dates of all changes.)

71. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year? (Attach a list)

- a) Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (§344.1a, c):

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Chad David Brooks	FE	July 1, 2023	Congregational Vitality Specialist	
William Ryan Ford	OE	July 1, 2016	Campus Minister – LA Tech	
Stephanie Edna Green	FL	July 1, 2024	Pastoral Care Asst. – LA Methodist Children’s Home	
C. Frances Hooton	FE	July 1, 2023	District Superintendent	
Robert E. Johnson	FE	July 1, 2023	Congregational Vitality Specialist	
Thomas Alan Johnson	FE	August 1, 2017	Campus Minister – UL Monroe	
Karl S. Klaus	FE	July 1, 2024	District Superintendent	
Mary Rachel Moore	FE	July 1, 2024	Campus Minister - LSU	Southeast: University UMC, Baton Rouge
Karli D. Pidgeon	FE	July 1, 2020	District Superintendent	Southeast: Hartzell Mt. Zion, New Orleans
Todd J. Rossnagel	FL	August 1, 2016	Communications Director	Southeast: First UMC, Baton Rouge
Van A. Stinson	FE	July 1, 2016	Asst. to the Bishop; Director of Connectional Ministries	
Elizabeth Love Tu’uta	FE	July 1, 2020	Director of Pastoral Care – LA Methodist Children’s Home	
Alice K. Young	FE	July 1, 2023	Director of Clergy Excellence	Southeast: University UMC, Baton Rouge

- b) To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b):

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Rhonda E. Feurtado	FE	March 21, 2022	Chaplain - Mercy Hospital, St. Louis, MO	Southeast: Gretna UMC
Jose’ Garcia	FE	August 1, 2010	Director Spiritual & Emotional Care – Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center, Tualatin, OR	
Joseph E. Hamilton	FE	June 1, 2008	Active Duty Chaplain – US Army, Ft. Hood, TX	
Timothy J. Neustifter	FE	April 1, 2023	Chaplain – LA Air National Guard	Southeast: First UMC, Slidell
Daniel H. Miller	FE	August 29, 2016	Chaplain – A*MED	

			Community Hospice, Houston, TX	
Michael Quinn O'Bannon	FE	June 1, 2005	Command Chaplain – US Navy, North Carolina	Southeast: First UMC, Baton Rouge

c) To other valid ministries under the provisions of ¶344.1d (v 2/3):

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Shannon DeLaurel	FE	July 1, 2019	The British Methodist Church, Ireland	Southeast: University UMC, Baton Rouge
David R. DeWitt	FE	June 1, 2001	Chaplain – Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles, LA	
Gloria Fowler	FE	July 1, 2022	Associate Director – Chin Ju Prayer Retreat Center, Korea	
William Craig Gilliam	FE	January 1, 2020	Gilliam & Associate	
Katherine G. Howell	RE	December 19, 2012	Chaplain – Pinnacle Living, Alexandria, VA	
Jared R. Williams	FE	July 1, 2022	Counselor – Collin College, McKinney, TX	

72. Who are appointed as deacons beyond the local church (full connection and provisional) for the ensuing year?
(Attach a list.)

a) Through non-United Methodist agencies and settings beyond the local church (¶331.1a):

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Rebecca Wharton Bowers	PD	March 1, 2021	Mental Health Provider – Melissa Bowen, LLC, Lafayette, LA	Southwest: Asbury UMC, Lafayette
Lauren Frazier-McGuin	FD	May 15, 2017	Chaplain – Baylor Scott & White Medical System, Dallas, TX	Southeast: Bethany UMC, New Orleans
Katrena Porter King	PD	July 1, 2023	Leadership Institute of Acadiana, Lafayette, LA	Southwest: First UMC, Lafayette
Tiffany Lyon	FD	August 22, 2020	Chaplain – Oschner Medical Center, New Orleans	Southeast: Carrollton UMC, New Orleans
Latrice Shonta Mallard	FD	May 13, 2024	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner – Open Health Care Clinic, Baton Rouge, LA	Southeast: Wesley UMC, Baton Rouge
Lenda Faye Matthews	FD	July 1, 2019	Coordinator – 24 th Judicial District Court, New Orleans, LA	Southeast: St. Mark's UMC, New Orleans
Kimberly L. McGee	FD	December 1, 2015	Chaplain – Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge, LA	Southeast: First UMC, Baton Rouge
Herbert W. McGuin, III	FD	March 7, 2023	Teacher – W.W. Samuel High School, Dallas, TX	Southeast: Bethany UMC, New Orleans
Sarah W. Shoup	FD	June 12, 2017	Director of Operations – Common Ground, Shreveport, LA	North: Grace Community UMC, Shreveport
Carol S. Twyman	FD	July 1, 2020	Medical Professional	North: Castor UMC, Castor
Dawn B. Young	FD	July 1, 2015	Professor – Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City, LA	North: Asbury UMC, Bossier City

b) Through United Methodist Church-related agencies or schools within the connectional structures of The
United Methodist Church (¶331.1b):

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Linda K. Broderick	FD	August 15, 2017	Chaplain – Centenary College, Shreveport, LA	North: Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport
Katrena Porter King	PD	October 1, 2023	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Strategist, LA Conference, Baton Rouge, LA	Southwest: First UMC, Lafayette

73. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6)? (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

Name	Clergy Status	School
Kelly B. Berne	FE	LA State Univeristy (LSU), Shreveport

74. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [1992 Discipline]? (Attach list)

Marv Jo Babcock – First UMC, Mansfield, LA

Rachel Scott – Noel Memorial UMC, Shreveport, LA

75. What other personal notations should be made? (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§1506.5), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.)

Legal Name Changes:

Leslie Gatlin Stephens is now Leslie Gatlin Hyacinth

Rachel Helen McConnell-Switzter is now Rachel McConnell-Switzer Ogden

76. Where and when shall the next Conference Session be held (§603.2, 3)? **The Louisiana Annual Conference will be held June 10-13, 2025, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**

District	Entity Name	Conference ID	Permanent ID	Church Status
North	KEITHVILLE	9470	715882	Active/Chartered
North	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	9310	975458	Active/Chartered
North	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	2130	709493	Active/Chartered
North	LECOMPTE UMC	2330	709482	Active/Chartered
North	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	4340	974410	Active/Chartered
North	LISBON	8360	715084	Active/Chartered
North	LOGANSPORT, BETHEL	9020	715585	Active/Chartered
North	LOGANSPORT, FIRST	9120	715905	Active/Chartered
North	MANSFIELD, FIRST	9160	715927	Active/Chartered
North	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT	9290	975391	Active/Chartered
North	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	9180	975243	Active/Chartered
North	MANY, FIRST UMC	9210	715940	Active/Chartered
North	MARION	8390	715107	Active/Chartered
North	MCDONALD	9550	975232	Active/Chartered
North	MER ROUGE	5040	712924	Active/Chartered
North	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	8480	715244	Active/Chartered
North	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	5330	713028	Active/Chartered
North	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION	2420	709584	Active/Chartered
North	MOORINGSPOORT	9220	715962	Active/Chartered
North	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	5050	975141	Active/Chartered
North	MT. SINAI	5490	975026	Active/Chartered
North	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY	2430	974432	Active/Chartered
North	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	2480	709607	Active/Chartered
North	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE	2490	709664	Active/Chartered
North	NEW LIGHT	9320	975471	Active/Chartered
North	NEWMAN UMC	2030	974306	Active/Chartered
North	NOEL MEMORIAL	9590	716248	Active/Chartered
North	NORTH HIGHLANDS	9600	716261	Active/Chartered
North	NORTHPOINT	9605	709391	Active/Chartered
North	OAKDALE UMC	4380	709642	Active/Chartered
North	OIL CITY	9230	715984	Active/Chartered
North	PILGRIM REST	8460	975037	Active/Chartered
North	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	2530	709722	Active/Chartered
North	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC	2550	974476	Active/Chartered
North	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	2540	709276	Active/Chartered
North	RINGGOLD	8510	715288	Active/Chartered
North	ROSA UMC	9190	975061	Active/Chartered

District	Entity Name	Conference ID	Permanent ID	Church Status
North	ROUND GROVE	9650	975447	Active/Chartered
North	RUSTON UMC	6234	140777	Active/New Start
North	SHADY GROVE	9330	975106	Active/Chartered
North	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	9430	716102	Active/Chartered
North	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	9610	975378	Active/Chartered
North	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	9630	716294	Active/Chartered
North	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	9640	975380	Active/Chartered
North	SIBLEY	8580	715404	Active/Chartered
North	SIMMESPORT UMC	2380	709538	Active/Chartered
North	ST. JAMES	5310	975287	Active/Chartered
North	ST. JOSEPH	5410	713165	Active/Chartered
North	ST. PAUL	5270	975298	Active/Chartered
North	STRANGE UMC	2600	714592	Active/Chartered
North	SUMMERFIELD	8080	715461	Active/Chartered
North	UNION CHAPEL UMC	2150	974330	Active/Chartered
North	WEAVER UMC	2470	709846	Active/Chartered
North	WHITEHALL	8600	715370	Active/Chartered
North	WILTON UMC	2060	974317	Active/Chartered
North	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	2620	709881	Active/Chartered

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Southeast	7th Ward	60108	709050	Active/New Start
Southeast	ALDERSGATE	7460	714295	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ALGIERS	6019	713666	Active/Chartered
Southeast	AMITE	7010	709983	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ANDREW CHAPEL	3500	973288	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	7050	973610	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	7040	973676	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	7030	974716	Active/Chartered
Southeast	AURORA	6022	713677	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BAKER, FIRST	3020	710025	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BATON ROUGE,	3030	710047	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	3060	710060	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	3100	710116	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BATON ROUGE, ST.	3140	710173	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	3170	973552	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	3210	973563	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BELLE CHASSE	6010	713690	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BETHANY	6230	974955	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BLACKWATER	3010	710207	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BLUFF CREEK	3550	710220	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BOGALUSA, ESM	7060	710242	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BOYNTON	6080	974773	Active/Chartered
Southeast	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	6250	974897	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CAMPBOR MEMORIAL	3040	973517	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	3330	710311	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CARROLLTON	6260	713702	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CENTER	7140	710743	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CLINTON	3220	710286	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CLINTON, ASBURY	3600	973643	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	3610	973290	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CLINTON, MT. ZION	3240	973574	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CLINTON, ST. PETER	3260	973324	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	3280	974135	Active/Chartered
Southeast	CORNERSTONE	6270	713757	Active/Chartered
Southeast	COVINGTON, FIRST	7100	713564	Active/Chartered
Southeast	DAY'S	7130	710812	Active/Chartered
Southeast	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	7160	710322	Active/Chartered

District	Entity Name	Conference	Permanent ID	Church Status
		ID		
Southeast	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	6050	714125	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ETHEL	3370	710470	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	3250	973506	Active/Chartered
Southeast	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	60103	709004	Active/Chartered
Southeast	FAITHFUL	3510	710388	Active/Chartered
Southeast	FIRST GRACE UMC	6290	713804	Active/Chartered
Southeast	FIRST STREET P W	6300	974740	Active/Chartered
Southeast	GONZALES, FIRST	3340	710402	Active/Chartered
Southeast	GREENSBURG	7230	710446	Active/Chartered
Southeast	GREENWELL SPRINGS,	3490	710184	Active/Chartered
Southeast	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST.	7180	973494	Active/Chartered
Southeast	GRETNA	6090	713848	Active/Chartered
Southeast	HAMMOND, FIRST	7250	710468	Active/Chartered
Southeast	HARRY'S CHAPEL	7080	973687	Active/Chartered
Southeast	HARTZELL	6320	974784	Active/Chartered
Southeast	HARTZELL MT. ZION	7480	974660	Active/Chartered
Southeast	HAVEN TRINITY	6330	974795	Active/Chartered
Southeast	HAYES CHAPEL	7220	974751	Active/Chartered
Southeast	HOPE COMMUNITY	3395	710377	Active/Chartered
Southeast	HUGHES MEMORIAL	3080	973528	Active/Chartered
Southeast	INDEPENDENCE	7020	710925	Active/Chartered
Southeast	INGLESIDE	3090	710082	Active/Chartered
Southeast	JACKSON	3360	710481	Active/Chartered
Southeast	JACKSON CHAPEL	3270	973277	Active/Chartered
Southeast	JORDAN	3110	973530	Active/Chartered
Southeast	KOREAN	6360	713850	Active/Chartered
Southeast	LAHARPE THOMPSON	6370	974818	Active/Chartered
Southeast	LAPLACE, FIRST	6140	713941	Active/Chartered
Southeast	LEE'S LANDING	7270	710958	Active/Chartered
Southeast	LUTCHER CHAPEL	3380	974000	Active/Chartered
Southeast	MAGNOLIA	3350	710583	Active/Chartered
Southeast	MEADOWS CHAPEL	3480	710333	Active/Chartered
Southeast	MOSES CHAPEL	3620	973712	Active/Chartered
Southeast	MT. CARMEL	3630	973698	Active/Chartered
Southeast	NEELY	3130	973541	Active/Chartered
Southeast	NESOM MEMORIAL	7400	710823	Active/Chartered
Southeast	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY	6155	701351	Active/Chartered

District	Entity Name	Conference ID	Permanent ID	Church Status
Southeast	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	6200	974671	Active/Chartered
Southeast	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	6400	974831	Active/Chartered
Southeast	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	6490	714147	Active/Chartered
Southeast	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	6500	714160	Active/Chartered
Southeast	NEW ORLEANS, ST.	6210	974705	Active/Chartered
Southeast	NEW RIVER	3520	710355	Active/Chartered
Southeast	PEOPLES	6440	974853	Active/Chartered
Southeast	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	6450	974864	Active/Chartered
Southeast	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	7430	710663	Active/Chartered
Southeast	RAYNE	6460	714067	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ROBERTS	7170	973585	Active/Chartered
Southeast	SLAUGHTER	3540	710765	Active/Chartered
Southeast	SLIDELL, FIRST	7470	714284	Active/Chartered
Southeast	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	7490	710787	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ST. FRANCISVILLE	3530	710721	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ST. JOHNS	3150	710151	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ST. LANDRY	3390	973302	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ST. MATTHEW'S	6180	713746	Active/Chartered
Southeast	THIRKIELD	7070	974727	Active/Chartered
Southeast	THOMAS	6130	974807	Active/Chartered
Southeast	TUNICA	3580	710754	Active/Chartered
Southeast	UNIVERSITY	3200	710140	Active/Chartered
Southeast	WILLIAMS ROSS	6480	974944	Active/Chartered
Southeast	WILSON, WESLEY	3590	973368	Active/Chartered
Southeast	WINAN	7210	973472	Active/Chartered
Southeast	ZACHARY UMC	3640	710903	Active/Chartered

District	Entity Name	Conference ID	Permanent ID	Church Status
Southwest	ABBEVILLE	1010	711007	Active/Chartered
Southwest	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	1380	973778	Active/Chartered
Southwest	BALDWIN, TRINITY	1080	973938	Active/Chartered
Southwest	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE	3450	973654	Active/Chartered
Southwest	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	3320	974033	Active/Chartered
Southwest	BERWICK, FIRST	1050	711042	Active/Chartered
Southwest	BERWICK, MASON	1330	973756	Active/Chartered
Southwest	BRANCH	4120	711554	Active/Chartered
Southwest	CHURCH POINT	4030	711064	Active/Chartered
Southwest	CROWLEY, FIRST	4050	711100	Active/Chartered
Southwest	DERIDDER, FIRST	4080	711760	Active/Chartered
Southwest	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	3290	711122	Active/Chartered
Southwest	DONALDSONVILLE, ST.	3310	973483	Active/Chartered
Southwest	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	1060	711235	Active/Chartered
Southwest	EUNICE	4130	711827	Active/Chartered
Southwest	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	1070	973836	Active/Chartered
Southwest	FRANKLIN, FIRST	1090	711166	Active/Chartered
Southwest	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	1180	974022	Active/Chartered
Southwest	HACKBERRY	4490	711862	Active/Chartered
Southwest	HOUMA, FIRST	1110	711202	Active/Chartered
Southwest	HOUMA, WESLEY	1120	973095	Active/Chartered
Southwest	IOWA, FIRST	4220	711920	Active/Chartered
Southwest	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	1100	711281	Active/Chartered
Southwest	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	1160	973973	Active/Chartered
Southwest	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	1190	973847	Active/Chartered
Southwest	KAPLAN	4190	711257	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	1210	711326	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	1230	711361	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA	1240	974396	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	1250	711337	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LAKE ARTHUR	4440	711986	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	4260	712024	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	4290	712104	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	1520	973461	Active/Chartered
Southwest	LOTTIE, WILEY	1510	973621	Active/Chartered
Southwest	MALLALIEU	4550	974066	Active/Chartered
Southwest	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	3400	973381	Active/Chartered

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Southwest	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	3120	973450	Active/Chartered
Southwest	MORGAN CITY, PHARR	1310	711441	Active/Chartered
Southwest	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	1320	974011	Active/Chartered
Southwest	MOSS BLUFF	4370	712035	Active/Chartered
Southwest	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	1340	973415	Active/Chartered
Southwest	NAPOLEONVILLE,	1350	974102	Active/Chartered
Southwest	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	1370	974044	Active/Chartered
Southwest	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA	1420	711485	Active/Chartered
Southwest	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	1430	974454	Active/Chartered
Southwest	PATTERSON	1440	711508	Active/Chartered
Southwest	PLAQUEMINE FIRST	3420	710641	Active/Chartered
Southwest	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	3430	710424	Active/Chartered
Southwest	PORT BARRE	1450	711315	Active/Chartered
Southwest	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	3470	973426	Active/Chartered
Southwest	SCOTT	3460	973665	Active/Chartered
Southwest	SQUYRES	4450	711873	Active/Chartered
Southwest	ST. LUKE SIMPSON	4280	712092	Active/Chartered
Southwest	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	1200	974077	Active/Chartered
Southwest	SULPHUR, HENNING	4460	712263	Active/Chartered
Southwest	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	4470	712161	Active/Chartered
Southwest	SULPHUR, WESLEY	4480	712365	Active/Chartered
Southwest	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	1530	973734	Active/Chartered
Southwest	THIBODAUX, FIRST	1540	711587	Active/Chartered
Southwest	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	1560	974090	Active/Chartered
Southwest	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	1170	973825	Active/Chartered
Southwest	WARREN	4300	974408	Active/Chartered
Southwest	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	1500	974055	Active/Chartered
Southwest	WELSH, FIRST	4520	712321	Active/Chartered
Southwest	WELSH, JONES	4540	974498	Active/Chartered
Southwest	WESTLAKE	4560	712126	Active/Chartered

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the 13th day of June, 2024, I ordained under the election of the Louisiana Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

AS A DEACON IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Megan McGuirt Stuermann

Bishop Delores J. Williamston
The Louisiana Area of the United Methodist Church

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the 13th day of June, 2024, I ordained and recognized under the election of the Louisiana Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

AS ELDERS IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Brian Eric Coplin, Johnathan Carlton Richardson, Mary Rachel Moore,
Megan Leah Twyman

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Delores J. Williamston".

Bishop Delores J. Williamston
The Louisiana Area of the United Methodist Church

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the 13th day of June, 2024, I commissioned under the election of the Louisiana Annual Conference, South Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church

AS A PROVISIONAL ELDER IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Amy Duhon Castro

Bishop Delores J. Williamston
The Louisiana Area of the United Methodist Church

2024 RETIREES



Shown are: Mary Jo Babcock, Lamar Chris Curry, Thomas E. Dolph,
Barbara Calhoun-Gibson, Valla Johnson, Richard P. Varner

Not present: Terrence S. August, Christopher S. Fryou, Katherine G. Howell,
John B. Joseph, Jr., James E. Ray, Sr., William Craig Taylor,
John E. Tellis, Robert M. Weber

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE & RULES:

Conference Structure

ARTICLE I: ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Annual Conference is described and set forth in Constitution of The United Methodist Church ¶32.

A. ELECTION OF LAY MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Each charge shall elect annually a lay member of the Annual Conference and one or more alternates (*2016 Book of Discipline* ¶¶32, 602.4). Each charge served by more than one clergy, shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy members.

B. ELECTION OF YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS

1. **Young Adult** – a young adult representative shall serve as the “equivalent officer of the Conference young adult organization”, and shall be a member of the Annual Conference (*2016 Book of Discipline* ¶¶32, 602.4).
2. **College Student** – the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry shall elect a student who shall serve as “the chair of the Annual Conference college student organization”, and shall be a member of the Annual Conference (*2016 Book of Discipline* ¶¶32, 604.2).

C. LAY AND CLERGY MEMBERS

In accordance with *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, the membership of the Annual Conference shall be equally composed of clergy and laity (*2016 Book of Discipline* ¶¶32, 604.2).

1. **Clergy Members** – the composition of clergy membership is prescribed in *The Book of Discipline* ¶¶369, 602.1. Accordingly, the clergy membership shall consist of Deacons and Elders in full connection (¶¶329,333), Provisional Members (¶327), Associate Members, Affiliate Members (¶¶344.4, 586.4), and Local Pastors under full-time or part-time appointment to a pastoral charge (¶317). (See also *2016 Book of Discipline* ¶32.) Each clergy member of the Annual Conference shall be attached to one of the districts.
2. **Lay Members** – the composition of lay membership is prescribed in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* ¶¶32, 602.4. Accordingly, the lay membership of the Annual Conference include the following:
 - a. A lay member, or the appropriate number of lay members, elected by each charge
 - b. The Diaconal Ministers
 - c. The active Deaconesses under Episcopal appointment within the Annual Conference
 - d. Conference President, United Women in Faith
 - e. Conference President, United Methodist Men
 - f. Conference Lay Leader
 - g. District Lay Leaders
 - h. President, or equivalent officer of the Conference Young Adult Organization
 - i. President, Conference Council on Youth Ministry
 - j. Chair of the Annual Conference College Student Organization
 - k. Two young persons under twenty-five (25) years of age from each district, elected by the District Ministry Team

These persons shall be counted as members of the Annual Conference from the districts in which they reside.

The Conference Committee on Credentials, in consultation with the District Superintendents, shall determine the number of clergy members in each district, and shall determine the number of laypersons in each district who are members by virtue of their office. The Conference Committee on Credentials shall then determine the number of additional lay members needed to equalize the clergy and lay membership of the Annual Conference. The total number of additional lay members needed shall be prorated to the districts based upon the church membership of the districts as reported in the most recent audit of the Conference.

The additional lay members shall be designated “at-large members”, and shall be elected by the respective District Conference or District Ministry Team, after nomination by the District Committee on Nominations. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the District Conference or to the District Ministry Team. In the nomination process, special attention shall be given to inclusiveness in keeping with policies for Conference agencies. (See *2016 Book of Discipline* ¶¶140, 610.5.)

ARTICLE II: THE MISSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A. PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

1. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and the local church provides the most significant arena through which our disciple-making occurs (2016 Book of Discipline ¶201).
2. The purpose of the Annual Conference is to advance this mission “by equipping its local churches for ministry, and by providing for connectional ministry beyond the local church” (¶601).
3. In order to accomplish this mission, the Annual Conference functions to equip and encourage our local churches to become “vital congregations”: congregations that lead others to abundant life in Jesus Christ; engage in their communities; learn, live, and tell the Gospel story; and reach out to and draw in people from all walks of life (Matthew 22:36-40 and 28:16-20).
4. In order to give priority to our missional purpose and to our commitment to developing vital congregations, the Louisiana Conference will be organized into three (3) Ministry Areas, in addition to and as a compliment of the strategic and equipping ministry of the Bishop and Cabinet (¶¶401ff, 414ff, 419ff). The Bishop, Cabinet, and the three (3) ministry areas will work together in a connectional relationship in order to strengthen the local churches in their mission and ministry.
5. The three (3) ministry areas are: 1) **Vital Congregations**; 2) **Clergy Excellence**; and 3) **Administrative Ministries**. The purpose of these Ministry Areas is to fulfill the missional purpose of the Annual Conference, to grow vital congregations, and to provide for other ministries as required by *The Book of Discipline*.

B. MINISTRY AREAS

1. **Vital Congregations** will serve to equip and empower local churches to lead others to abundant life in Jesus Christ; engage in the communities; learn, live, and tell the Gospel story; and reach out to and draw in people from all walks of life. The purpose of this work is to empower local churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It will do so by fostering shared ministry among local churches and by providing for connectional ministry beyond the local church. In addition to other responsibilities outlined in the *Book of Discipline* and Conference Rules, a Director of Connectional Ministries (see Article III, A.1.a) will coordinate this ministry area and convene the leaders of these teams in order to encourage collaboration in our effort to grow vital congregations, and to ensure faithfulness to the purpose of the Annual Conference (¶601) and the mission of The United Methodist Church (¶120). **Vital Congregations** will be comprised of the following ministries:
 - a. A **Church Planting Ministry** will coordinate the formation of new vital congregations by directing the work of planting new faith communities, mergers of existing churches to form new congregations, and other strategic and creative models for starting vital faith communities. A Board of Congregational Development of no fewer than seven (7) persons, laity and clergy, will function to support Conference staff assigned to this ministry, provide missional accountability, maintain a budget, and provide financial oversight.
 - b. A **Church Revitalization Ministry** will coordinate the revitalization of congregations that have potential for new growth. Task forces and advisory teams may be formed to assist in this work as needed.
 - c. The **Conference Discipleship Team** will assist local churches in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The ministry of this team includes, but is not limited to, the ministries outlined in *The Book of Discipline* ¶630. In accordance with ¶645, the Discipleship Team will assume the responsibilities of the Small Membership Church Commission.
2. **Clergy Excellence** shall actively engage in the recruitment and development of clergy who are able to lead in the disciple-making ministry of the church, and who will effectively equip local churches to lead others to abundant life in Jesus Christ; engage in their communities; learn, live, and tell the

Gospel story; and reach out to and draw in people from all walks of life. The purpose of this work is to empower local churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. A Director of Clergy Excellence (see Article III, A.1.b) will coordinate the work of this ministry area.

Clergy Excellence will be comprised of the following ministries:

- a. The **Conference Board of Ordained Ministry** shall be organized and function as mandated and described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶635. The Bishop shall nominate members of the Board after consultation with the chairperson of the Board, the Executive Committee, and the Cabinet. The Bishop shall fill vacancies after consultation with the chairperson of the Board.
 - b. The **Center for Pastoral Excellence** is to help sustain pastoral excellence by providing support and guidance for our clergy and congregations in difficult situations, conversations, and conflict; coaching clergy as a confidential and trusted resource; offering continuing education opportunities; working on special projects/contexts as requested by the Bishop and Cabinet; and offering other ministries related to the art and science of pastoral leadership.
 - c. The **Conference Committee on Administrative Review** shall be organized and function as mandated and described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶636.
3. **Administrative Ministries** will provide administrative support to the Annual Conference in order to help it fulfill its purpose and mission. The Executive Director of Administrative Services will act as a liaison between the ministries of this ministry area to ensure faithfulness to the purpose of the Annual Conference (¶601) and to the mission of The United Methodist Church (¶120). **Administrative Ministries** will be comprised of the following:
- a. The **Conference Council on Finance and Administration** (CF&A) shall be organized and shall function as mandated and described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶¶611-619.
 1. **Membership and Officers** – The CF&A shall consist of twelve members nominated by the Committee on Nominations and approved by the Annual Conference in accordance with *The Book of Discipline* ¶612.2. There shall be at least one (1) lay member more than clergy members. Churches of fewer than two hundred (200) members shall be represented on the council. Members of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCF&A) who reside within the bounds of the Conference shall be voting members. The voting membership shall not include members or employees of any conference agency, nor shall it include members, employees, trustees, or directors of any agency or institution participating in the funds of any conference budget. The CF&A shall elect its own officers in accordance with *The Book of Discipline* ¶612.3. Additionally, the following persons shall be ex-officio members without vote per *The Book of Discipline* ¶612.2c:
 - a. Executive Director, Administrative Services/Conference Treasurer
 - b. Presiding Bishop
 - c. One (1) District Superintendent chosen by the Cabinet
 - d. Director of Connectional Ministries
 - e. President/Chief Executive Officer, United Methodist Foundation
 2. **Audit Review Committee** – The CF&A may elect an Audit Review Committee per *The Book of Discipline* ¶617, of not more than twenty-five (25) members; at least half of whom should be person who are not members of the Council and who are chosen for their expertise in areas related to the work of the Committee. The Bishop shall be an ex-officio member of the Audit Review Committee.
 3. **Conference Benevolence Budget** – In preparing the Conference benevolence budget per *The Book of Discipline* ¶614.3, the CF&A will consult with and receive recommendations from the Director of Connectional Ministries and the leaders of the teams in Vital Congregations.
 - b. The **Conference Board of Trustees** shall be organized and function as mandated and described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶2512. The members of the Board shall be residents of the State of Louisiana and of legal age. Lay members shall be members in good standing of local churches within the bounds of the Conference, and clergy members shall be members of the Louisiana Annual Conference.
 - c. The **Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits** shall be organized and function as mandated and described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶639. In addition to membership recommended in *The Book of Discipline*, the Executive Director of Administrative Services/Treasurer shall be a member. One (1) director of the Woolworth Foundation shall be an ex-officio member with vote.

- d. The **Commission on Equitable Compensation** shall be organized and function as mandated and described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶625. The membership shall be elected for the quadrennium, and shall consist of six (6) persons, and equal number of lay and clergypersons. At least one (1) lay member and one (1) clergy members shall be from churches of fewer than two hundred (200) members.
- e. There shall be a **Conference Committee on Nominations** chaired by the Bishop and composed of the following members:
 - 1. Presiding Bishop
 - 2. Conference Lay Leader
 - 3. President, Conference Council on Youth Ministries
 - 4. A young adult representative
 - 5. Up to six (6) at-large members to ensure Conference representation, inclusiveness, and a balance of clergy and lay membership

The members of the Committee shall serve for the quadrennium. Laypersons must be full members of local churches within the bounds of the Conference. The Committee shall nominate to the Annual Conference such officers and members of Boards, Councils, Committees, and Commissions as *The Book of Discipline* or the Conference Rules require, or as the Conference deems necessary to do its work. Persons nominated and approved by the Annual Conference are to serve for the quadrennium unless otherwise indicated by *The Book of Discipline* or Conference Rules. The Committee may nominate persons for Annual Conference approval to fill vacancies that occur during the quadrennium. Guidelines for inclusiveness shall be followed in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*. Members of General Agencies will serve as additional ex-officio members of the corresponding Annual Conference agencies, and the Bishop may assign Cabinet liaisons to the ministry areas teams, boards or agencies as needed.
- f. There shall be a **Conference Committee on the Journal** elected for the quadrennium. Members of the Committee shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations, with membership consisting of two (2) clergy and two (2) lay members. Duties shall include those described in Article I (N) of the Conference Rules.
- g. There shall be a **Conference Committee on Courtesies** elected for the quadrennium, which shall have such duties as described in Article I (M) of the Conference Rules. The membership shall consist of six (6) persons.
- h. There shall be a **Conference Committee on Petitions** elected for the quadrennium having such duties as described in Article I (G) of the Conference Rules. The membership shall consist of five (5) persons.
- i. There shall be a **Conference Committee on Rules** appointed by the Bishop for the quadrennium and have such duties as described in Article I (P) of the Conference Rules. The membership shall consist of six (6) persons, equally divided between clergy and laypersons.
- j. There shall be a **Conference Commission on Archives and History** whose membership shall consist of up to five (5) persons, a Cabinet liaison (if assigned by the Bishop), and a Conference staff liaison as assigned by the Director of Connectional Ministries.

C. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES RELATED TO THE EPISCOPACY

- 1. **The Conference Committee on Episcopacy** shall be constituted, organized, and function as mandated and described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶637. The membership shall consist of nine (9) persons. No member of the Conference staff or any of its agencies, nor any immediate family member of such staff, shall serve as a member of the Committee, except as allowed by *The Book of Discipline*.
- 2. **The Conference Episcopal Residence Committee** shall be organized and function as mandated and described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶638.

D. INCLUSIVENESS AND RACIAL JUSTICE

In order to further the values of inclusiveness and racial justice, each board and committee listed in Article II of the Conference Structure, shall designate one (1) member to promote and safeguard these values as defined by the Constitution of The United Methodist Church, Part I, Division One, Articles IV and V.

ARTICLE III: PERSONNEL

A. CONFERENCE MINISTRIES STAFF:

1. The Bishop, in consultation with the Missional Staffing Committee, may appoint a **Director of Connectional Ministries** to guide the Conference in its mission of increasing the number of vital congregations, to focus and guide the ministries of the Congregational Vitality ministry area, to assume the responsibilities outlined in *The Book of Discipline* ¶608, and to supervise Conference ministry staff. The Director may sit on the Cabinet, without vote. The Director is accountable to the Bishop and shall be evaluated annually by the Bishop to discern effectiveness in accomplishing the specific requirements of the ministry. The Bishop will seek input, if needed, from the team leaders in Congregational Vitality.
2. The Bishop, in consultation with the Missional Staffing Committee and the Board of Ordained Ministry, may appoint a **Director of Clergy Excellence** to promote and sustain effective clergy leadership, and to coordinate the ministries of the Clergy Excellence ministry area. The Director may sit on the Cabinet, without vote. The Director is accountable to the Bishop, and shall be evaluated annually by the Bishop to discern effectiveness in accomplishing the specific requirements of the ministry. The Bishop will seek input, as needed, from the Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
3. The Bishop may appoint an **Assistant to the Bishop** in order to more effectively and efficiently administer the Episcopal ministry. The Assistant may sit on the Cabinet, without vote. The Assistant is accountable to the Bishop, and shall be evaluated annually by the Bishop to discern effectiveness in accomplishing the specific requirements of the ministry. The Bishop will seek input, as needed, from the Conference Committee on the Episcopacy.
4. Upon recommendation of the Missional Staffing Committee, other persons, **Conference Mission and Ministries Staff**, may be employed in areas deemed helpful to accomplish the mission of the Annual Conference. If the person to serve in any of these areas is clergy, the employment shall not be effective until the Bishop appoints that person to the position. The Director of Connectional Ministries will supervise the Mission and Ministries staff. Staff positions may be amended by action of the Missional Staffing Committee, as long as such changes are within budgeted funds, and are consistent with the missional priorities of the Annual Conference.

B. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE STAFF:

1. The election of the **Conference Treasurer/Executive Director, Administrative Services**, and the functions of the office, are prescribed in *The Book of Discipline* ¶619. The Treasurer/Executive Director shall be elected by the Annual Conference upon nomination of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCF&A). As an employee, the Treasurer/Executive Director shall be directly amenable to the CCF&A, and shall be evaluated annually to discern effectiveness in accomplishing the ministry assigned. The Conference Treasurer/Executive Director, Administrative Services shall be amenable to the general oversight of the Bishop regarding the fiscal operation of the Annual Conference.
2. **Administrative and Support Staff** in Administrative Services shall be employed as directed by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCF&A). The Conference Treasurer/Executive Director, Administrative Services will be responsible for supervision of the administrative and support staff. Funding for staff positions shall be derived from the Conference Administrative Fund upon recommendation of the Missional Staffing Committee and upon approval by the CCF&A.
3. The duties of the **Conference Secretary** and **Conference Statistician** shall be a part of the responsibilities of the Conference Treasurer/Executive Director, Administrative Services, but may be delegated to volunteer or part-time staff under the direction of the Treasurer/Executive Director.

C. PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

1. **The Missional Staffing Committee** shall be comprised of the following:
 - a. A representative who is a member of and chosen by the CCF&A
 - b. A representative who is a member of and chosen by the Discipleship Team
 - c. The presiding Bishop
 - d. A District Superintendent
 - e. The Director of Connectional Ministries
 - f. The Conference Lay Leader

- g.** The Conference Treasurer/Executive Director, Administrative Services
Up to two (2) additional members may be added for inclusiveness. The Committee shall select a chairperson from among its members, but the chairperson shall not be a member of the Conference staff.
- 2.** The Missional Staffing Committee will develop and maintain appropriate **Personnel Policies and Procedures**. The Committee will further develop and implement a plan for regular supervision and evaluation that will take into account appropriate missional measures and effectiveness in particular areas of responsibility. Supervision will include clear missional goals and expectations of each staff person. Should termination of employment become necessary, that action shall be the responsibility of the Missional Staffing Committee. If the person to be terminated is serving under appointment, the Committee shall consult with the Bishop before terminating employment.

ARTICLE IV: ASSESSMENT OF CONFERENCE EFFECTIVENESS

A CONFERENCE MINISTRY ASSESSMENT TEAM will meet twice per quadrennium to evaluate the effectiveness of the Conference in accomplishing its mission. The purpose and mission of the Annual Conference, as stated in *The Book of Discipline* ¶601, will serve as the criteria for evaluation, with particular attention given to the ministries of increasing Vital Congregations and improving Clergy Effectiveness. The Team shall make recommendations to the Missional Staffing Committee concerning revision of ministry descriptions, as needed. The Team shall make recommendations to the Annual Conference concerning changes, if needed, in the Conference organization, staffing structure, rules, practice, or procedure.

To accomplish its ministry, the Team shall request reports, as it deems necessary, from Conference staff, ministry area leaders, team leaders, and others in Conference leadership. The Team shall conduct interviews as it deems necessary, and review metrics relevant to Congregational Vitality and Clergy Excellence. The Team may retain the services of an outside consultant to accomplish its mandate.

The Team will be comprised of five (5) persons who are not concurrently serving on a standing Conference ministry area, board, agency, or team. Membership on the Conference Ministry Assessment Team shall not preclude a person from serving on ad hoc teams, planning teams, study committees, other Conference ministries of limited duration, or District committees. The members shall be nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations, may be lay or clergy, and shall serve for a quadrennium. The Team shall name its own chairperson, and shall organize officers as needed.

ARTICLE V: DISTRICTS

A. DISTRICT MINISTRY TEAM COMPOSITION

1. There shall be a **District Ministry Team** in each district, having such functions and duties as described in Article I (X) of the Conference Rules. The District Ministry Team (DMT) shall have a maximum of twelve (12) members nominated and elected as set forth hereinafter, and shall include the following:

- a.** Chairperson (to be nominated by the District Nominating Committee from persons not serving in another office on the DMT)
- b.** Lay Leader (Vice-Chair)
- c.** District Superintendent
- d.** Education Coordinator
- e.** Mission Outreach Coordinator
- f.** Spiritual Transformation Coordinator
- g.** Congregational Life Coordinator (Worship, Stewardship, etc.)
- h.** Communication Advisor
- i.** Youth Member
- j.** Up to two (2) at-large members

2. There shall be a **District Personnel Committee** in each district, which shall be composed of four (4) persons from the DMT, one of who shall be the District Lay Leader. The other members shall be

nominated by the District Superintendent, approved by the DMT, and serve for staggered four (4) year terms, so that two (2) will rotate off every two (2) years. The District Superintendent shall be a member of the Personnel Committee.

3. The District Nominating Committee shall nominate the following annually:

- a. District Ministry Team Chairperson
- b. Education Coordinator
- c. Mission Outreach Coordinator
- d. Spiritual Transformation Coordinator
- e. Congregational Life Coordinator
- f. Communication Advisor
- g. Youth Member

Members of the DMT shall be limited to serve on the DMT no more than two (2) consecutive quadrennial or portions thereof. They then shall not serve on the DMT for one (1) year before they can be nominated to serve on the DMT again.

4. The District Conference shall be responsible for the election of the District Ministry Team for the ensuing Conference year, with the exception of the District Lay Leader, upon recommendation of the District Nominating Committee. In the event that there is not District Conference, the Annual Conference shall be so responsible.

B. DISTRICT SUPPORT STAFF

Each district shall provide funding for at least a three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) time Administrative Assistant to assist the District Superintendent and the District Ministry Team, to be hired by, and under the supervision of the District Superintendent. Administrative Assistant compensation and benefits are to be included in the district budget.

C. DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There shall be a District Nominating Committee with the following members:

- 1. District Superintendent (shall serve as Chairperson)
- 2. District Lay Leader
- 3. District President of United Women in Faith
- 4. District President of United Methodist Men
- 5. Four (4) laypersons named by the District Board of Laity – two (2) of who shall be young adults
- 6. Two (2) youth named by the District Youth Council
- 7. Four (4) clergy named by the District Superintendent

D. DISTRICT COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Each district shall establish a District Council on Finance and Administration composed of at least four (4) laypersons and three (3) clergypersons residing within the district boundaries. The District Superintendent, Conference, Jurisdictional, and General Conference members of the Council on Finance and Administration residing within the bounds of the district, shall be ex-officio members of the respective District Council on Finance and Administration. Every consideration should be given to ethnic minority representation.

E. DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

There shall be in each district a District Board of Church Location and Building, to be constituted, organized, and function as provided in *The Book of Discipline* ¶2519 (2012 Edition), and having such duties and responsibilities as described in *The Book of Discipline* ¶2520 et seq. (2012 Edition).

F. LOCAL CHURCH COMMITTEE ON WILLS

Each local church shall have a committee of one (1) or more members on wills, trusts, and special gifts.

Conference Rules

ARTICLE I: GENERAL RULES FOR THE CONFERENCE

A. APPORTIONMENTS

All Conference apportionments shall be made annually to each local church through the application of a decimal as recommended by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, (in accordance with ¶ 613.3 and 614 of the 2016 *Book of Discipline*) to be derived from the following factors averaged from the last two published Journals of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

1. Pastor's base compensation
2. Associate pastor(s)' base compensation
3. Housing, related allowances and utilities
4. Reimbursements paid to/for pastors
5. Other cash allowances paid to/for pastors
6. Diaconal minister(s)/Deacons total compensation
7. Other staff compensation and expenses
8. Current expenses for program including church school
9. Other current operating expenses, excluding property and liability insurance

B. APPROPRIATIONS

Any legislation requiring appropriation of Conference funds or any requests for Conference-wide solicitation of funds shall first be presented to the Council on Finance and Administration for study and its recommendations before being presented to the Annual Conference, as required by and in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*.

C. FISCAL AND STATISTICAL YEAR

The calendar year shall be the fiscal and statistical year of the Conference. All remittances for the current year shall be conveyed to the Conference Treasurer's office not later than the date which shall be set by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration; and the required statistical tables and worksheets shall be turned in and checked by auditors at District meetings at a time and place determined by the Director of Administrative Ministries in consultation with members of the Cabinet. Upon request of the District Superintendent, churches in a district shall make available to the auditors any supporting documentation necessary to verify the data in reports.

D. ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE BOARDS, AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

Local Church treasurers shall send all funds for Conference Boards, Agencies and Institutions to the Conference Treasurer for appropriate distribution. All financial books, bookkeeping, and funds of Conference Entities, Boards, Committees, Commissions, and other organized bodies, shall be administered and unified in the office of the Conference Treasurer. Disbursement shall be made through a voucher system to be supervised by the Council on Finance and Administration. The Council on Finance and Administration shall be authorized to invest the surplus funds of the Conference. Provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to institutions, the Board of Pensions, or the Commission on Equitable Compensation. Investment income generated by funds of the Ministerial Education Fund shall be retained in that account. Each board, agency, and institution of the Conference shall, by the last day of February each year, submit to the Conference Treasurer a financial audit report of its most recent fiscal year. The financial audit report shall include:

1. Statements of assets
2. Liabilities,
3. Revenues
4. Expenditures,
5. Investments and the returns therefrom.

The Audit Committee shall review audit reports within sixty (60) days of receipt and report to the Council on Finance and Administration compliance or lack of compliance. A listing of specific deficiencies in the Audit Report with recommendation for compliance shall be submitted by the Audit Committee in its report

to the Council on Finance and Administration. The Council on Finance and Administration shall notify boards, agencies, and institutions individually of the findings from the Audit Committee. Boards, agencies, and institutions shall, within thirty (30) days after notification, submit a response and/or plan to correct any noted deficiencies in the Audit Report.

E. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

The base compensation and expenses to be paid each District Superintendent by the Annual Conference for the ensuing fiscal year shall be determined by the Council on Finance and Administration and reported in the Pre-Conference Reports. It is recommended that the base compensation of each District Superintendent be adjusted on the basis of the percentage of increase or decrease of the Conference average salary.

The Council on Finance and Administration, through the Conference Treasurer, shall be the sole agent of disbursement of funds to the expense accounts of the District Superintendents. There shall be no additional reimbursement for expenses of District Superintendents from any other source within the Annual Conference.

F. PRE-CONFERENCE REPORTS

All Councils, Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Louisiana Conference shall send their Annual Conference reports, resolutions, and recommendations to the Conference Secretary seventy-five (75) days before the opening date of the Annual Conference session. The Conference Secretary shall compile and distribute via printed or other available means these reports to each minister and each lay member of the Annual Conference thirty (30) days before the session convenes. Any reports, resolutions, or recommendations not included in the Pre-Conference Report must be made available to the Annual Conference delegates before final action can be taken on them, or on any portion thereof. This rule shall not apply, however, to the Conference Board of Trustees and the Board of the Ordained Ministry.

G. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Any petition (a document requesting that the Louisiana Conference approve and petition the General Conference regarding an issue related to the worldwide United Methodist Church) or resolution (document submitted to the Louisiana Conference that seeks to alter, amend or change the standing Conference rules or express an opinion or intent of the Conference on a specific issue or subject) proposed by an individual member, duly elected body of the local church, or a district, shall first be presented to the Committee on Petitions, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening session of the Annual Conference for petitions with financial implications and forty-five (45) days prior to the opening session for petitions without financial implications. The Committee shall meet to review all petitions so presented to it and assign them to the proper body for consideration by such body when it meets on the opening day of the Annual Conference. Each body, to which a petition is thus assigned, shall make a recommendation for concurrence or non-concurrence therewith when it makes its report to the Conference. Any petition or resolution that requires a vote of the Annual Conference must be submitted in writing according to the established guidelines of the Committee on Petitions and Resolutions as found in Section F of the Conference Rules.

H. DATA FOR MEMOIRS

The District Superintendent, in whose district a Conference clergy member, clergy spouse, or surviving clergy spouse of a minister dies, shall appoint someone to secure, in advance of the next Annual Conference, data concerning the deceased which shall be reported to the Conference Secretary for inclusion in the appropriate memoirs to be published in the Conference Journal.

I. SURVIVING SPOUSES

A directory of surviving spouses of deceased Conference clergy members of the Annual Conference shall be included in the Journal.

J. DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Each District Superintendent, in consultation with the Cabinet, shall determine whether an annual District Conference or District Charge Conference shall be held. When a District Conference is to be held, each charge shall be authorized to elect five (5) lay members, and at least two (2) reserve members, as delegates to the District Conference; provided, however, that each church within the

District shall have at least one (1) member delegate to the District Conference.

K. CONFERENCE NOMINATING PROCESS

The Conference nominating process shall be as follows:

1. Prior to January 1 of the year preceding each new quadrennium, the Secretary of the Annual Conference shall give each District Superintendent a list of all offices for which nominations shall be made for the ensuing four (4) years.
2. Prior to January 15, the District Superintendents of the respective districts shall distribute to the pastors and local churches' Lay Leaders copies of the list of all offices for which elections shall be held at the ensuing Annual Conference session. Local church Nominating Committees may propose nominees for the listed positions. They shall submit with each nomination the following information: the person's address, phone number, name and membership size of local church, a brief resume (including interests and experience in specific church work), and vital information including the person's age, sex, ethnic status and any disabilities.
3. Prior to February 10, the District Committee on Nominations shall meet to nominate persons for the offices in question. The Committee shall give priority to names submitted by local church Nominating Committees, but it shall not be limited to those names. It shall not be required to nominate a person for every vacancy, but shall nominate only those persons it considers adequate to the task.
4. Prior to March 1, the District Committees on Nominations shall submit their lists of nominations to the Secretary of the Annual Conference, accompanied by the information about each nominee specified in #2 above. The Conference office shall maintain computer records of current and prior service in Conference elective offices and shall make this information available to assist the Conference Committee on Nominations. The Conference Secretary shall compile and circulate nominations submitted and its computer records of prior service to members of the Conference Committee on Nominations at least five (5) days prior to its initial meeting.
5. Prior to April 1, the Conference Committee on Nominations shall meet and make nominations for all Conference offices that must be filled in the next quadrennium. It shall give priority to the lists of names submitted by the Districts, but it may consider other names. The nominations shall be mailed to the lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference as part of the Pre-Conference Report.
6. All persons nominated for an office in the Annual Conference shall be contacted by the District or Conference Committee placing their names in nomination to determine whether the persons so nominated are willing to serve.
7. Nominating committees shall examine all nominations to ensure appropriate representation of ethnic minority persons, lay and clergywomen, lay and clergymen, persons with disabilities, youth, young adults and older adults.
8. Following the elections at the beginning of a new quadrennium the newly elected bodies shall meet at a site to be determined, not later than forty-five (45) days after the conclusion of Annual Conference. The District Superintendents shall convene the newly elected bodies and shall call for the election of a chairperson. Each body shall elect its chairperson and other officers upon nomination from the floor.
9. When vacancies occur during a quadrennium, the Conference Committee on Nominations shall make nominations to fill the vacancies at the ensuing session of the Annual Conference. The Secretary of the Annual Conference shall retain the records of persons nominated in the process described above. The Committee shall use these records to assist its work. It shall not be limited to persons previously nominated. These nominations shall be published in the Pre-Conference Report.

L. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

The term of membership of any individual on any Council, Board, Commission, or Committee shall not exceed eight (8) years, served in two consecutive quadrennia except as may be further limited by the rules or bylaws of any such body, with the exception of the Board of Ordained Ministry, which the *Book of Discipline* provides with the possibility of persons to serve up to twelve (12) years. When one has served the maximum time allowed, then reappointment to the same council, board, commission, or committee shall not be permitted until a full quadrennium has lapsed. This shall not prohibit service on other councils, boards, commissions, or committees in the following quadrennium.

M. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES

The function of the Committee on Courtesies shall be to provide courtesies and introductions for visitors

to the Annual Conference sessions and to prepare written expressions of appreciation for those who assist the work of the Conference.

N. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL

The Committee on Journal shall inspect the secretary's record of each session of the Annual Conference and report its findings to the Conference.

O. INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Institutions related to the Annual Conference shall be incorporated and shall review their corporate charters quadrennially to determine that they are in conformity with the laws of the State of Louisiana and *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, including without limitation ¶ 2552 of *The 2016 Book of Discipline*. The names of those nominated to serve as members of the Board of Directors/Trustees of Conference institutions for later election by the Annual Conference shall be submitted to the appropriate board of the Conference no later than March 15 each year.

P. CHANGE IN RULES

Any recommendation for Rule changes shall be presented to the Chair of the Rules Committee no later than the last day of February. The Rules Committee shall consider and make its recommendations in time to be included in the Pre-Conference Report. Amendments to proposals to change the Conference Structure and Rules which have been presented to the members of the Annual Conference in the Pre-Conference Report, may be considered by the Annual Conference session and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for adoption.

Q. SUSPENSION OF RULES

The operation of any of the provisions of these Rules may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Conference session effective for up to one (1) year. The motion must also state, where appropriate, what provision shall be in effect during the suspension of the rule. During such year in which a rule is so suspended, a committee shall be appointed by the Bishop to determine if there is a need for a permanent change in the rule that has been suspended. The committee's recommendation shall be printed in the Pre-Conference Report for consideration by the following Annual Conference regular session.

R. ITINERATION

The Conference Year is from July 1 to June 30. When a minister moves to a new appointment at Annual Conference, he/she shall receive compensation and expenses from his/her new appointment or charge from July 1, when a minister leaves an appointment at Annual Conference, he/she will receive compensation and expenses from the appointment or charge he/she is leaving only through June 30. If the minister lives in a parsonage, he/she will likewise receive compensation and expenses only through June 30. If the minister lives in a parsonage, he/she shall be responsible for paying the utilities for the month of June and for leaving the parsonage in good condition. The chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee shall certify to the District Superintendent on the form provided by the District Superintendent that the provisions of this rule have been met by the minister before leaving the charge. If a minister is given a housing allowance, the chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee shall give the District Superintendent a copy of the contract for the period of time to be covered by the housing allowance. This form, which is to be provided by the District Superintendent, shall be sent to the District Office at the beginning of the appointment.

S. DISTRICTS

Districts shall establish strategies for mission and ministry that align with conference priorities plans for organizations that incorporate the functions of the District Ministry Team, District Committee on Nominations, District Council on Finance and Administration, and the District Board of Church Location and Building.

T. SYSTEM OF VOUCHERS

The Annual Conference shall serve as the depository of funds and provide bookkeeping functions of all Conference Councils, Boards, and Agencies. The Council on Finance and Administration shall initiate a system of vouchers through which the Conference treasurer shall reimburse all expenditures authorized by the chairpersons of the boards and agencies for funds expended within their budgets.

U. ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUDGETS

It shall be the responsibility of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration to present the Conference budget recommendations to the Annual Conference. The recommended allocations to Conference missions and ministries shall reflect alignment with Conference priorities.

ARTICLE II: RULES OF ORDER FOR CONFERENCE SESSIONS

RULE 1. AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIR:

The presiding Bishop, or a person designated by the Bishop, shall be the presiding officer of the Annual Conference. He or she shall decide points of order raised, or not raised, by the members deemed necessary to conform to these rules of order; subject, in both cases, to an appeal to the Conference by any member, which appeal shall be considered without debate; except that the chairperson and the appellant, in the order named here, shall each have five (5) minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the chair. When any member raises a point of order he or she shall cite, by number, the rule claimed to have been violated. The presiding Bishop shall have the right to recess a session of the Annual Conference at any time at his/her discretion and to reconvene at such time as he/she shall announce, with only delegates, authorized personnel and authorized guests permitted to attend such a session following recess.

RULE 2. CALLING THE CONFERENCE TO ORDER:

When the chairperson stands in his/her place and calls the Conference to order, no member shall speak, address the chair, or stand while the chairperson stands.

RULE 3. ATTENDANCE AND SEATING RESERVES:

No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall be absent from the sessions of the Conference without permission of the Conference; and all absentees shall be reported to the Chairperson.

RULE 4. DIRECTIONS FOR SECURING THE FLOOR:

When a member desires to speak to the Conference, he/she shall arise at his/her designated seat, respectfully address the presiding officer, using the term, "Bishop", or "Mr./Madame Chairperson," and after recognition, proceed to a microphone and announce the Church or Charge which he/she represents; which, in turn, the Chairperson shall then announce to the Conference.

RULE 5. INTERRUPTING THE SPEAKER:

No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, a misrepresentation, to direct the attention of the Conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a special order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

RULE 6. SPEAKING MORE THAN ONCE; LENGTH OF SPEECH:

No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, nor more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, nor longer than three (3) minutes unless his/her time shall be extended by the Conference.

RULE 7. QUESTION OF HIGH PRIVILEGE:

A member claiming the floor at any time for what he/she believes is a very urgent question of high privilege shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question, and if it be adjudged by the chair to be such, he/she may proceed at his/her pleasure or until the chairperson judges that he/she has exhausted such privilege.

RULE 8. VOTING AREA OF CONFERENCE:

Only members within the area designated as "the bar of the Conference" when the vote is taken, shall be entitled to vote. All members within the bar at the time a question is put, shall vote or abstain, except such as shall have been excused for special reasons by the Conference.

RULE 9. VOTING PROCEDURES:

Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by the Conference. An “aye” or “nay” vote, if taken, shall be by signed ballot. An “aye” and “nay” vote by secret ballot may be ordered on motion of any member, without debate supported by one-third (1/3) of the members present and voting. A count vote may be ordered on motion of any member without debate, supported by one-third (1/3) of the members present and voting, in which case the members shall rise from their seats and stand until counted.

No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the previous question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fit into the time while waiting for the report of the secretaries on a count vote, or any “aye” or “nay” vote. The count shall be made by the Committee of Tellers.

RULE 10. DIVISION OF QUESTION:

Before a vote is taken, any member shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as he/she indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be made; but if there is objection, the chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second, without debate, which division shall be allowed upon approval of a majority of the members present and voting.

RULE 11. VOTE BY ORDER:

The ministerial and lay members shall deliberate as one body; but upon a call, by motion of any member, seconded by another member of the same order and supported by one-third (1/3) of the members of that order voting, the ministerial and lay members shall vote separately. But when the Conference votes by orders, no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of members. In cases of such a vote the order calling it shall vote first; provided, however, that the Conference may not vote by orders on a proposed amendment to the Constitution. (2016 Book of Discipline ¶ 59-61)

RULE 12. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS, UNNECESSARY:

Whenever a report of a committee, signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof, and otherwise in compliance with the General Rules of this Annual Conference shall be presented to the Conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the Conference without the formality of a motion to adopt, and a second thereto.

RULE 13. REQUIRED FORMS FOR REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS:

All resolutions and committee reports shall be presented in triplicate; and, when requested by the secretary, motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

RULE 14. ALTERATIONS OF MOTIONS, ETC.

When a motion is made and seconded, a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is read, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Conference and may not be altered except by action of the Conference.

In order to provide an efficient manner to inform the Annual Conference of any intention to introduce changes, deletions, or additions to the printed CFA recommended budget, such intentions must be provided in writing to CFA no later than two weeks prior to the opening of Annual Conference.

The presenter of the budget amendment shall introduce the amendment during the “Introduction of New Business” on the day of Annual Conference. In addition, the presenter shall provide sufficient copies of the Budget Amendment Form* to distribute to the Annual Conference in accordance with conference rules. All proposed budget amendments shall be presented to the conference for deliberation when CFA presents the printed budget for adoption. At this time, the Chairperson of CFA shall state CFA’s response to the budget amendments received. No additional budget amendments will be accepted from the floor without the Annual Conference suspending this conference rule.

* A Budget Amendment Form can be obtained from the Conference Treasurer’s office and must be returned to the Chairperson of CFA by the above deadline. The required form shall identify, (1) the person, church, or agency making the proposal; (2) the Report Number in the CFA proposed budget; (3) the line item proposed to be changed, deleted, or added; (4) the proposed dollar amount adjustment to the line item, and (5) the basis for which such proposed adjustment is being made.

RULE 15. UNDEBATABLE MOTIONS:

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

1. To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the Conference finally
2. To suspend the rules
3. To lay on the table
4. To take from the table
5. To call for the previous question
6. To reconsider a non-debatable motion
7. To limit or extend the limits of debate
8. To call for the orders of the day
9. To alter voting procedure
10. To divide the question (if objection by a delegate is made).

RULE 16. RIGHTS OF THE MAIN QUESTION:

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: to adopt, to commit or refer, to substitute, to postpone, or to reconsider. No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

RULE 17. PRECEDENCE OF SECONDARY MOTIONS:

If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending, the order of their precedence, in relation to one another, shall be the same as the order of their listing below:

1. To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn (this motion is subject to amendment, or it maybe laid on the table)
2. To adjourn
3. To take recess
4. To order the previous question
5. To lay on the table
6. To limit or extend the limits of debate
7. To postpone to a given time
8. To commit or refer
9. To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment)
10. To postpone indefinitely

RULE 18. TABLING RELATED MOTIONS:

No motion, which adheres to another motion, or has another motion adhering to it, can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere, or which adhere to them.

RULE 19. REFERRING REPORTS, ETC.:

It shall be in order for the Conference to refer to a committee, a section or a part of a report or resolution, which is before the Conference for consideration, or any amendment offered thereto.

RULE 20. PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTES:

When a resolution or committee report is properly before the Conference for consideration and action, even if amendments thereto are pending, a substitute therefore may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the report or resolution under consideration. The Conference shall then proceed first to perfect the original report or resolution, including consideration and action upon any amendments which may be offered to it. The same perfecting process shall then be followed with respect to the substitute. The question shall then be put first on the motion to substitute, followed by the motion to adopt the report or resolution; provided, however, that the motion for the previous question shall not be in order on the adoption of the report or recommendation or on making the proposed substitution until opportunity has been given for at least two (2) members to speak on each side of the question of substitution or adoption.

RULE 21. PREVIOUS QUESTION:

When any member moves the previous question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending), he/she shall indicate to what he/she intends it to apply, if any secondary motion or

motions are also pending. If he/she does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate, and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting for its adoption; and if it is accepted, the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate.

RULE 22. MOTION AFTER SPEECH:

It shall not be in order for a member, immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

RULE 23. EXCEPTIONS TO MAJORITY VOTE:

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions:

1. One-third (1/3) of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the chair is doubted. A tie vote sustains the chair.
2. A call for a vote by orders shall prevail if sustained by one-third (1/3) of the members of the order from which the call came, present and voting.
3. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend or amend the rules; to sustain a motion for the previous question; to set aside a special order; to consider a special order before the time set therefor; to sustain the request of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges for the presentation of any person on the final day of the Annual Conference.

RULE 24. RECONSIDERATION:

A motion to reconsider an action of the Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion proposed for reconsideration is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

RULE 25. CALENDARS, REGULAR AND NON-CONCURRENCE:

The Secretary shall keep a chronological record of orders of the day and of reports of committees, which record shall be called the Calendar, and the matter of business placed on it shall be considered as recommended by the Committee on Agenda (the Cabinet) to the Conference, unless by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Conference an item is taken out of its order.

When a committee presents a report on a given subject, as part of its report, it must also list the numbers of all petitions relating to this subject on which the committee voted non-concurrence.

RULE 26. MOTION TO ADJOURN IN ORDER EXCEPT:

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except:

1. When a member has the floor
2. When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided
3. When the previous question has been ordered and action thereunder is pending
4. When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened
5. When the motion to fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn is pending; the foregoing does not apply to a motion for adjournment of the Conference

RULE 27. SPEAKERS FOR AND AGAINST:

When the report of a subject is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer to ascertain, when he/she recognizes a member of the Conference, on which side he/she proposes to speak; and he/she shall not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side thereof.

Except for undebatable motions, no motion shall be adopted or question relating to the same, be decided without opportunity having been given for at least two (2) speeches for and two (2) against the said proposal, provided that right is claimed before the chairperson or duly authorized member representing the committee's report or the minority report, if there be such, has been recognized by the presiding officer to close the debate.

When all have spoken who desire to do so, or when (and after) the previous question has been ordered, the chairperson and/or duly authorized member or members presenting a committee's report (and a minority report if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken. This right of the chairperson and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner to a limit of five (5) minutes when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone,

to refer, to lay on the table, or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the report under consideration; provided, that this five (5) minute limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report for a regular (majority) report of a committee.

RULE 28. EFFECTIVE DATE:

All actions of the Annual Conference shall become effective upon the final adjournment of the session of the Annual Conference at which they are enacted, unless otherwise specified, except as provided otherwise in the Discipline.

RULE 29. SUSPENSION OF RULES:

The operation of any of the provisions of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Conference.

RULE 30. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY:

In any parliamentary situation not clearly covered by these Rules of Order, the Annual Conference shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Clergy Appointments as of July 1, 2024

North District

District Superintendent	Karl Klaus	1
Alexandria, First	Ramonalynn W. Bethley	4
Arcadia	(James Wendell Reid ¼ RA)	2
Bastrop, First	(Lisa Thomisee Mayo ¾ FL)	3
Bayou Chicot	(Leslie Frietch ¼ PL)	1
Bernice-Beech Grove-Summerfield	(Johnie W. Adkins, Jr. ¾ RF*)	13
Bienville	(Kelly Leach <¼ SY*)	8
Booneville Memorial	(James E. Ray, Sr. ¼ RL*)	12
Bossier City, Asbury	Matthew B. Rawle	9
Associate	Magdeline Russo PD	2
Bossier City, Fellowship	Derrick D. Hills ½	3
Bossier City, First	Mark J. Goins	4
Associate	John H. Tu'uta	5
Boyce, First	(Lawanda F. Smith ¼ OF)	5
Broadmoor, Shreveport	Wybra Price, II	3
Associate	Megan Leah Twyman	4
Home Ministries	Hugh Debo <¼ FD	2
Campiti, St. Paul-Mt. Zion	<i>TBS</i>	5
Castor	(Richard B Twyman ¼ PL*)	8
Centerpoint	(Dalton Edward Rushing, Jr. <¼ PL)	4
Cheneyville	<i>TBS</i>	3
Cheneyville, St. Paul	(Mary Louise Jones <¼ RL)	3
Christ	Jonathan S. King	2
Minister of Senior Care	Willis W. Dear ¼ RE*	8
Clay	(Dalton Edward Rushing, Jr. ¼ PL)	6
Crossroads	(Terry Joe Wheless ¼ PL)	8
Doyline	(Montié Dobbins ¼ PL)	5
Dubach	(Stephanie Edna Green ½ FL)	4
Fairfield	(Donny R. Nedd ¼ RL*)	8
Florien, Macedonia	(Asriel G. McLain <¼ OF)	6
Glenmora	<i>TBS</i>	1
Grace Community	Thomas E. Dolph RE	1
Greenwood	(Todd Fee ¼ PL)	7
Haskin Chapel	(Asriel G. McLain ¼ OF)	6

Hineston, Fellowship	<i>TBS</i>	1
Holly Ridge	(Dellie Hicks $\frac{1}{4}$ SY*)	7
Horseshoe Drive	Monica Gayle Monk	2
Keithville	(Michael Todd Mynes $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	4
Keithville, Fairview	(Michael Todd Mynes $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	3
Lahey Chapel	(Lawanda F. Smith $<\frac{1}{4}$ OF)	5
Lecompte	Gerald R. Crise $\frac{1}{4}$	3
Leesville, Mt. Zion	<i>TBS</i>	8
Lisbon	Fred B. Wideman RE*	5
Logansport, First	Joseph Zhong Guo	1
Logansport, Bethel	(Samuel Wheless $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	1
Mansfield, Wesley	(Anna Morris Jackson $\frac{1}{4}$ RL)	16
Mansfield, First	Joseph Zhong Guo	2
Associate	Mary Jo Babcock $\frac{1}{4}$ RDM	3
Many, First	Brian E Coplin	4
Marion-Bird's Chapel	(William Edward Smith $\frac{3}{4}$ PL)	15
McDonald	(Linda B. Gatlin $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	3
Mer Rouge	(Lisa Thomisee Mayo $\frac{1}{4}$ FL)	3
Minden, Pleasant Valley	(Thomas M. Twyman $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	5
Monroe, St. Paul-St. James	(John E. Tellis, Sr $\frac{1}{2}$ RL*)	10
Montgomery, Mt. Zion	(Richard Kurtz $\frac{1}{4}$ SY)	3
Mooringsport-Oil City	(Christopher D. Charles $\frac{3}{4}$ PL)	11
Mt. Olive-St. Peter's	(Sonia D. Gee $\frac{1}{2}$ PL)	12
Mt. Sinai	<i>TBS</i>	7
Natchitoches, Asbury-Emmanuel	(Jerald D. Danzell $\frac{3}{4}$ PL)	6
Natchitoches, First	Gary Don Willis	5
Natchitoches, Oak Grove UMC	(Robert L. Lane, Jr. $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	3
New Light-Bonchest-Mansfield, Pleasant Valley	(Oscar E. Player $\frac{3}{4}$ RA*)	8
Newman	Sonya Renee Lars	3
Noel	Maximilian O. Zehner	4
Associate	(Kaylan Brian Walker OE)	4
Associate	Megan Stuermann $\frac{1}{4}$ FD	4
Coordinator of Missions/Outreach	Rachel L. Scott $<\frac{1}{4}$ DM*	11
North Highlands	Joseph Donakey $\frac{1}{4}$ RE*	3
Northpoint-Gilliam	Eugene Bryson, III	4
Oakdale	<i>TBS</i>	2
Pilgrim Rest	(Samuel L. Bradley $\frac{1}{4}$ RL*)	12
Pineville, First	Mark A. Bray	2
Pineville, Wesley	(James E. Ray, Sr. $\frac{1}{4}$ RL*)	10
Pleasant Grove	(Thomas Emery Pass $\frac{1}{4}$ SY)	9

Ringgold	Joseph Donakey ½ RE*	3
Rosa	(Asriel G. McLain ¼ OF)	6
Round Grove	(Marion S. Hills ¼ PL)	3
Ruston-New Church	Ashley McGuire	1
Shady Grove	TBS	1
Sibley	(Bryan L. McCoy ¼ PL)	7
Simmesport	(Brock Vead ¼ SY)	3
St. James, Shreveport	Derrick D. Hills ½	5
St. Joseph	(Christopher Lee Yates ¼ PL)	3
St. Lukes, Shreveport	E. Andrew Goff	4
St. Paul's	Roy Bryan Moore	7
St. Paul, Shreveport	(Joseph Whalen ¾ OR*)	1
Strange	TBS	12
Union Chapel	Sandra Ann Williams ¼ RF	4
Weaver	TBS	7
Whitehall	(Montié L Dobbins <¼ PL)	5
Wilton	(Mary Louise Jones ¼ RL)	3
Winnfield	(Joel L. Carter FL)	2

Southeast District

District Superintendent	Karli D. Pidgeon	2
Aldersgate	Mollie McGee	2
Algiers	Callie Winn Crawford ¼ RE*	1
Amite	Timothy J. Barnes	1
Andrew Chapel	(Charles M. Green ¼ SY*)	2
Angie, Wesley Rey – Angie, Mary's Chapel – Angie, Live Oak	Terrence August ½ RE*	20
	Anice Moses ½ RE*	1
Aurora	(Barbara J. Calhoun-Gibson ½ RL*)	1
Baker, First	(Tricia Wilkinson <¼ PL)	3
Baton Rouge, Broadmoor	Donald L. Wilkinson	9
Baton Rouge, First	Brady S. Whitton	13
Associate	(Kale Wetekamm FL)	3
Associate	(Keith L. Shuford ¼ PL)	2
Pastor Emeritus	Donald C. Cottrill ¼ RE*	9
Baton Rouge, Jefferson	Leslie G. Hyacinth	5
Baton Rouge, St. Andrew's	Andrew D. Sutton	3

Baton Rouge, St. Mark	<i>TBS</i>	
Baton Rouge, Wesley	Johnathan C. Richardson	2
Belle Chasse	(Neva Joseph $\frac{3}{4}$ FL)	1
Bethany	(Eugene Boger FL)	2
Blackwater	Kennon W. Pickett	3
Bluff Creek	(Tricia L. Wilkinson $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	3
Bogalusa, Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial	Allison Kate "Katie" Glass $\frac{1}{4}$	1
Boynton	(Aaron M. DeGruy, Sr. $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	5
Brooks Shaw Temple – Peoples	(Alton Preston OF)	3
Camphor Memorial	(Bryan Dalco OE)	2
Carpenter's Chapel	(Ryan McKnight $\frac{1}{2}$ PL)	2
Carrollton	(Isaac Belonga $\frac{1}{4}$ SY*)	
Center	Larry D. Robertson $\frac{1}{4}$ RE*	28
Clinton, Beech Grove – Moses Chapel	(Inita L. Smith $\frac{1}{4}$ RL*)	12
Clinton, Mt. Zion – Ethel, St. Paul	Davis Clark $\frac{1}{2}$ RE*	1
Clinton, St. Peter – Jackson Chapel – Mt. Carmel	(Clark L. Clark $\frac{1}{4}$ RL*)	17
Clinton	(Paul Curtis Carroll, Jr. $\frac{1}{4}$ RL*)	4
Convent, St. James – Lutcher Chapel	(Willie Laws $\frac{1}{4}$ RA*)	4
Cornerstone	Clifton C. Conrad, Sr.	2
Covington, First	Allison Kate "Katie" Glass $\frac{3}{4}$	3
Day's	(Paul Curtis Carroll, Jr. $<\frac{1}{4}$ RL*)	2
Denham Springs, First	Bradley W. Swire	3
Destrehan, St. Charles	Michelle P. Harris	7
Faith Crossing	(Heather B. Sullivan FL)	2
Faithful – Meadow's Chapel	(Truman P. Stagg $\frac{1}{4}$ FL)	1
First Grace	Shawn M. Anglim	18
First Street PW – New Orleans, Mt. Zion	Ronald J. Southall	8
Gonzales, First	(Truman P. Stagg $\frac{3}{4}$ FL)	3
Greensburg	<i>TBS</i>	
Greenwell Springs, Bethel	(Jeffrey W. Johnson $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	3
Greenwell Springs, St. Luke	(Debra K. Keller $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	6
Gretna	Marissa T. Horvath	1
Hammond, First	Daniel Gleason $\frac{3}{4}$	1
Hartzell Mt. Zion	Tiffanie C. Postell	3
Hartzell (NO)	William L. Jones, Sr. $\frac{1}{4}$ RE*	9

Haven Trinity	(Charles E. Washington $\frac{3}{4}$ PL)	17
Hayes Chapel	(Andryl R. Spikes $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	2
Hope Community	(H. Louis Jones $\frac{1}{2}$ RL*)	23
Hughes Memorial – St. Landry	(Constance R. Saizon $\frac{3}{4}$ RL*)	19
Independence	<i>TBS</i>	
Ingleside	Lewis M. Morris, Jr. $\frac{3}{4}$ RE*	7
Jackson – Ethel	Lamar Chris Curry $\frac{3}{4}$ RE*	9
Jordan	<i>TBS</i>	
Korean	(Gabriel Kim OE $\frac{3}{4}$)	1
LaHarpe Thompson	<i>TBS</i>	
LaPlace, First	Alice Boutte $\frac{1}{4}$ PE	2
Lee's Landing	Irvin J. Boudreaux $\frac{1}{4}$ RE*	4
Magnolia	(Reneé A. Deaton $\frac{3}{4}$ PL)	2
Neely	(Isaac L. Hammond $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	10
Nesom Memorial	R. Lee McKinzie $\frac{1}{2}$ RE*	11
New Life Community, Luling	Alice Boutte $\frac{3}{4}$ PE	2
New Orleans, Asbury – New Orleans, St. Matthew	Kermit Curtis Roberson	2
New Orleans, St. Luke's	Colleen A. Bookter	4
New Orleans, St. Mark's	Lenda Faye Matthews $\frac{1}{2}$ FD	2
New River	(Kurt Appel $\frac{1}{4}$ OE)	1
Philips Memorial	William L. Jones, Sr. $<\frac{1}{4}$ RE*	10
Director of Christian Education & Outreach	Dianne P. Wooden $<\frac{1}{4}$ FD*	13
Ponchatoula, First	Deirdre B. Allen	4
Rayne Memorial	Jay C. Hogewood	8
Roberts	(Debra K. Keller $\frac{1}{2}$ PL)	4
Slaughter	(Nan Riffe $\frac{1}{4}$ PL*)	2
Slidell, First	Lisa Pridmore	1
Springfield, First	Irvin J. Boudreaux $\frac{1}{4}$ RE*	2
St. Francisville	Allison Sauls Sikes	2
St. John's	Lane Cotton Winn	8
St. Matthew's	(Rosmery E. Mejia LaFontaine OR*)	1
Thirkield – Harry's Chapel	(Nolan M. Robinson $\frac{1}{4}$ PL)	11
Thomas	(Kaseem N. Short $\frac{3}{4}$ PL)	13
Tunica	(Brandon M. Sikes $\frac{1}{2}$ PL)	2
University, William B. Reily Memorial	Kathryn McKay Simpson	5

Associate	Mary Rachel Moore ½	1
Williams Ross	(Neva Joseph ¼ FL)	1
Wilson, Wesley – Clinton, Asbury	(Gregory McClay, Sr. ¼ PL)	19
Winan	Fredrick H. Sweetwyne ½	2
Zachary, First	Austin Chase Rinehart	2

Southwest District

District Superintendent	C. Frances Hooton	2
Abbeville	(Cynthia Luquette ½ SY*)	1
Abbeville, Briggs	(Darrel W. Briggs, Sr. ¼ PL*)	2
Baldwin, Trinity	(Sherry Mathews ¼ PL)	4
Bayou Goula, St. Luke	<i>TBS</i>	
Belle Rose, St. James	(Thomas Wesley ¼ RL*)	4
Berwick, Mason – Morgan City, Walmsley	(Karen M. Carr ¼ PL)	6
Church Point - Branch	(James Faulk ¼ SY*)	7
Crowley, First	(Warren E. Langford OF)	4
DeRidder, First	Laraine G. Waughtal	6
Donaldsonville, First	(Michael Munro ¼ SY*)	2
Donaldsonville, St. Peter	(Thomas Wesley <¼ RL*)	4
Dulac, Clanton Chapel	(Cyril A. "Kirby" Verret ¼ RL*)	36
Eunice	(Warren E. Langford OF)	3
Franklin, Asbury	<i>TBS</i>	
Franklin, First – Berwick, First - Patterson	(Milton Bourque FL)	2
Houma, First	Katie Lynn Black	2
Houma, Wesley	(Cheryl Thomas ¼ SY*)	1
Iowa, First	David R. DeWitt ¼ FE*	31
Jeanerette, McGowen	(Susan C. Pugh ¼ PL)	5
Jeanerette, St. Paul	(Darrel W. Briggs, Sr. ¼ PL*)	10
Jeanerette, St. Peter	(Helen Durieux ¼ PL)	3
Kaplan	Nancy Wofford ¼	1
Lafayette, Asbury	John A. Cannon	7
Associate, Spiritual Formation	Susan M. Ferguson ½ RE*	7
Lafayette, First	Nancy Wofford ¾	1
Associate	(Fred M. Fraser ¼ RA*)	8
Lafayette, Louisiana Ave.	(Helen Durieux ¼ PL)	2

Lafayette, Northwood	Josh Fitzpatrick	3
Lake Arthur	L. Craig Davis ½	5
Lake Charles, First	Weldon C. Bares	15
Associate	(Steffanie R. Pace ½ PL)	4
Lake Charles, University	Angela C. Bulhof	5
Lottie, Wiley – Lottie, Green Chapel	(John B. Joseph, Jr. <¼ RL*)	4
Mallalieu	(Kimberly A. Richard ¼ PL)	7
Maringouin, St. Peter	(John B. Joseph, Jr. ¼ RL*)	2
Morgan City, Pharr Chapel	Joy L. Comeaux	4
Moss Bluff	Steven J. Porter ¾	2
Napoleonville, Wesley – Napoleonville, Woodlawn	(Greaselda A. Bickham ½ PL)	6
New Iberia, St. James	(Wilfred Edwards ¼ SY*)	1
Opelousas, Louisiana Memorial	(Raymond Partsch ¼ PL)	2
Opelousas, St. Mark	(Junius Egby ¼ PL)	2
Plaquemine, First – Plaquemine, Grand River	(Michael Munro ½ SY*)	2
Port Allen, Scott – Maringouin, Shiloh	Roger D. Lathan ¼ RE*	2
Port Barre	<i>TBS</i>	
Rosedale, Hartzell	Roger D. Lathan ¼ RE*	3
Squyres	Steven J. Porter ¼	2
St. Luke Simpson	Tracy MacKenzie RE*	2
St. Martinville, Mallalieu	(Marcus Sallier ¼ SY*)	1
Sulphur, Henning Memorial	(Jo Ann Cooper FL)	1
Sulphur, Maplewood	James B. Moore ¼	3
Sulphur, Wesley – Hackberry	James B. Moore ¾	3
Thibodaux, Calvary – Thibodaux, Magnolia	(Trina Williams ½ PL)	1
Thibodaux, First	D. Jo Anne Pounds	1
Verdunville, Fitzgerald – Franklin, Mt. Zion	<i>TBS</i>	
Warren	(Valla Johnson ¾ RL*)	1
Waxia, St. Paul	(Robert Trent ¼ SY*)	5
Welsh, First	L. Craig Davis ½	2
Welsh, Jones	<i>TBS</i>	
Westlake	Amy D. Castro PE	4

Special Appointments Within The Connectional Structure

CONFERENCE STAFF

Assistant to the Bishop	Van A. Stinson	9
Director of Clergy Excellence	Alice K. "Ali" Young	2
Communications Strategist	(Todd J. Rossnagel FL)	9
Congregational Vitality Specialist	Chad D. Brooks	2
Black Church Strategist	(Robert Johnson, Sr. FL)	2
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategist	Katrena King ½ PD	2

WESLEY FOUNDATION/CAMPUS MINISTRIES

UL – Lafayette	(Jessica Trahan – Lay)	6
UL – Monroe	T. Alan Johnson	18
Southern University	(Charles Green – Lay)	3
LSU Wesley Foundation	Mary Rachel Moore ½	1
Louisiana Tech	W. Ryan Ford OP	5
SE Louisiana University	<i>TBS</i>	
Tulane & Loyola Universities	(Liv Thomas – Lay)	1
Dillard University	(Herbert Brisbon OE*)	6

APPOINTED TO OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Arkansas Conference	Ellen R. Alston	5
Florida Conference	Clair L. Carter FD	5
Virginia Conference	Bertrand Griffin, II	6
Florida Conference	Leah S. Gaughan FD	4
North Texas Conference	Jessica A. Lowe	1
Arkansas Conference	Amanda R. Smith	5

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TO EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Armed Forces & Veterans Administration, Chaplaincy

US Army, Active Duty Chaplain	Joseph E. Hamilton	16
Louisiana Air National Guard	Timothy J. Neustifter	2
US Navy, Command Chaplain	M. Quinn O'Bannon	19

Health Care, Community Service, Non-Methodist Schools, & Other Related Ministries

Counseling, Melissa Bowen, LLC, Lafayette, LA	Rebecca W. Bowers PD	5
Centenary College Chaplain & Director, CLC	Linda K. Broderick FD	8
Passion in Partnership	Chad D. Brooks <1/4	2
Chaplain, Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles, LA	David R. DeWitt	32
Chaplain II, Mercy Hospital, St. Louis, MO	Rhonda E. Feurtado	4
Chin Ju Prayer Retreat Center, Chin Ju, Korea	Gloria Fowler	3
Chaplain, Baylor Scott & White Medical System, Dallas, TX	Lauren Frazier-McGuin FD	8
Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center	Jose' Garcia	15
Gilliam & Associates	W. Craig Gilliam	6
Methodist Children's Home	Stephanie E. Green 1/2FL	4
Executive Director, Leadership Institute of Acadiana	Katrena King PD	2
Chaplain, Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans, LA	Tiffany Lyon FD	5
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Open Health Care Clinic Baton Rouge, LA	Latrice Mallard FD	2
Social Worker & Grants Coordinator, 24 th Judicial Dist. Court, Gretna, LA	Lenda Faye Matthews FD	6
Chaplain, Our Lady of the Lake, Baton Rouge, LA	Kimberly L. McGee FD	10
Teacher, W.W. Samuel High School, Dallas, TX	Herbert W. McGuin, III FD	1
Chaplain, A*MED Community Hospice, Houston, TX	Daniel H. Miller	9
Director of Operations & Program, Common Ground	Sarah W. Shoup FD	9
Medical Professional	Carol Twyman FD	5
Methodist Children's Home	H. Elizabeth Love Tu'uta	5
Collin College	Jared R. Williams	3
Bossier Parish Community College	Dawn B. Young FD	20

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT TO OTHER VALID MINISTRIES**Appointment to Another Methodist Church**

The British Methodist Church	Shannon C. DeLaureal	6
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Appointed to Attend School

Kelly Berne	1
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Medical Leave

Southwest District	Martha M. Orphe	8
North District	Lisa E. Turnbull	4
Southeast District	Gloria L. Youngblood	4

Voluntary Leave of Absence – Clergy

North District	Jacqueline Collins	5
Southeast District	Peter G. Gaughan	4
North District	Jason Klay Harrison	2
North District	Todd W. Mallory	1
North District	Rachel McConnell-Switzer	2
Southwest District	John R. (Reyn) Sewell, IV	3
Southeast District	Cory L. Sparks	5
Southwest District	Juliet P. Spencer	1

Voluntary Leave of Absence – Deaconess

Southwest District	Elizabeth S. Graham DC	8
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DUAL APPOINTMENTS

Southeast District	Lee's Landing Springfield, First	Irvin J. Boudreaux
Southwest District	Jeanerette, St. Paul Abbeville, Briggs	Darrel Briggs
Southeast District	Clinton Day's	Paul Curtis Carroll, Jr.
Southwest District	Lake Arthur Welsh, First	L. Craig Davis
Southwest District	Memorial Hospital Iowa, First	David R. DeWitt
North District	Doyline Whitehall	Montié Dobbins
North District	Ringold North Highlands	Joseph Donakey
Southwest District	Jeanerette, St. Peter Lafayette, Louisiana Avenue	Helen Durieux
Southeast District	Covington, First Bogalusa, ESM	Allison Kate Glass
North District	Dubach Methodist Children's Home	Stephanie E. Green

North District	Bossier City, Fellowship St. James	Derrick D. Hills
North District	Wilton St. Paul, Cheneyville	Mary Louise Jones
Southeast District	Hartzell (NO) Philips Memorial	William L. Jones, Sr.
Southeast District	Belle Chasse Williams Ross	Neva Joseph
Southeast District	Greenwell Springs, St. Luke Roberts	Debra K. Keller
Southwest District	Crowley, First Eunice	Warren E. Langford
Southwest District	Rosedale, Hartzell Port Allen, Scott - Maringouin, St. Peter	Roger Lathan
Southeast District	24 th Judicial Dist. Court St. Mark's	Lenda Faye Matthews
North District	Bastrop, First Mer Rouge	Lisa T. May
North District	Florien, Macedonia Haskin Chapel Rosa	Asriel G. McLain
Southwest District	Sulphur, Wesley – Hackberry Sulphur, Maplewood	James B. Moore
Southeast District	LSU Wesley Foundation Baton Rouge, University - Associate	Mary Rachel Moore
Southwest District	Plaquemine, First – Grand River Donaldsonville, First	Michael Munro
Southwest District	Moss Bluff Squyres	Steven J. Porter
North District	Centerpoint Clay	Dalton E. Rushing
Southeast District	Gonzales, First Faithful - Meadows Chapel	Truman Stagg
Southwest District	Belle Rose, St. James Donaldsonville, St. Peter	Thomas A. Wesley
Southeast District	Baker, First Bluff Creek	Tricia L. Wilkinson
Southwest District	Lafayette, First Kaplan	Nancy Wofford

STATISTICIAN'S CONDENSED REPORT:

2023 Condensed Report

Note: While we have reported all the numbers below accurately, there are still churches from whom we have not received data. Thus, though this is a fair representation of our current statistical reality, it is not entirely accurate.

Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph, Statistician

TABLE 1		
Membership	2022	2023
Total professing members reported at close of last year	102,426 ¹	82,289 ¹
Received by Profession of Faith through confirmation	358	266
Received by Profession of Faith other than confirmation	379	249
Membership restored by Affirmation of Faith	44	30
Added by correction	618	1912
Transferred in from another United Methodist Church	859	683
Transferred in from a non-United Methodist Church	371	308
Members received from closed churches		4
Removed by Charge Conference Action	1,155	550
Withdrawn from Professing Membership	416	541
Removed by Correction	1,675	7,073
Transferred out to another United Methodist Church	1,042	658
Transferred out to a non-United Methodist Church	7,459	12,338
Deceased	1,073	710
TOTAL Professing Members at the close of this year	82,213	58,187
¹ This includes corrections not included in last year's report		
Ethnic Make-up		
Asian	243	222
Black	11,774	10,442
Hispanic/Latino	335	242
Native American	257	228
Pacific Islander	23	134
White	69,130	46,714
Multiracial	276	205
Total Membership - Ethnicity	82,038	58,187
Gender		
Female	47,824	33,883
Male	34,251	24,304

Total Membership - Gender	82,075	58,187
Worship		
Average Attendance at all weekly worship services	19,158	15,327
Number of persons who worship online	61,530	19,644
Baptisms		
Number of persons baptized this year ages 0-12	403	293
Number of persons baptized this year ages 13 or older	124	65
Total number of persons baptized this year	527	358
Total baptized members not professing members	6,374	5,250
Number of other constituents of the church	9,488	7,546
Christian Formation		
Number of CFG participants and leaders (ages 0-11)	3,915	2,925
Number of CFG participants and leaders (ages 12-18)	2,795	2,184
Number of CFG participants and leaders (ages 19-30)	1,170	790
Number of OTHER ADULT CFG participants and leaders	10,538	8,432
TOTAL Christian Formation Group Participants	18,418	14,331
Total enrolled in confirmation preparation classes this year	439	518
Average weekly attendance (all ages) in Sunday Church School or other weekly education classes	7,505	5,816
Number of participants in Vacation Bible School	6,984	4,971
Number of ongoing Sunday Church School Classes offered	896	626
Number of ongoing small groups or classes offered (other than Sunday Church School)	1,034	844
Number of support groups or small groups offered for a short term only	654	482
United Methodist Men		
Membership in United Methodist Men	1,673	1,255
Amount paid for projects (UMM)	72,926	39,112
United Methodist Women		
Membership in United Women of Faith (UWF)	3,637	2,730
Amount paid for local church and community work (UWF)	207,940	126,424
Community/Helping Ministries		
Number of UMVIM teams sent from local churches	17	9
Number of persons sent out on UMVIM teams	143	146
Total Number of community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy offered by church	1,899	1,347
Of the ministries, how many focus on global/regional health?	355	309

Of these ministries, how many focus on engaging in ministry with the poor/socially marginalized?	2,187	1,002
Number of persons from your congregation serving in mission/community ministries	13,552	11,787
Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy	441,331	356,291

TABLE 2

Property & Other Assets		
Market value of church-owned land, buildings, vehicles and equipment	801,776,208	688,109,709
Market value of financial and other liquid assets	162,095,667	146,869,420
Debt secured by church physical assets	11,412,397	5,726,423
Other debt	2,167,855	619,446
Apportionments		
APPORTIONED to the local church by the CONFERENCE	5,718,446	6,000,878
APPORTIONED to the local church by the DISTRICT	270,656	0
PAID by the local church by the CONFERENCE for all apportioned causes	5,454,744	5,703,417
PAID by the local church to the DISTRICT for all apportioned causes	256,493	0
Benevolences		
General Advance Specials [funds paid through the conference treasurer]	104,101	37,544
World Service Specials	0	0
Annual Conference Advance Specials	43,038	2,488,786
Youth Service Fund	1,050	739
All other funds sent to Conference for connectional mission and ministry	32,549	27,635
Total Annual Conference Special Sundays Offerings	463	423
Human Relations Sunday	2,193	1,902
UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)	11,461	19,175
Peace with Justice Sunday	3,836	1,557
Native American Ministries Sunday	1,884	1,995
World Communion Sunday	3,861	4,693
U.M. Student Day	1,561	1,427
Given directly to United Methodist causes (not sent to Conference)	421,360	200,510
Total amount given to non-United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes	21,735,053	18,757,731
Local Church Expenditures		
Clergy		
Total paid for direct-billed and/or non-apportioned clergy pension	1,746,711	1,189,020

Total paid for direct-billed and/or non-apportioned clergy health benefits	2,223,811	1,450,939
Base compensation paid to/for the Senior Pastor	9,435,026	6,616,908
Base compensation paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s)	798,755	425,397
Base compensation paid to/for any Deacons not included above	238,766	19,467
Housing benefits paid to/for Lead Pastor	2,423,686	1,821,987
Housing benefits paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s)	356,275	205,701
Housing benefits paid to/for any Deacons not included above.	70,061	20,750
TOTAL HOUSING BENEFITS PAID for All Pastors	2,850,022	2,048,438
Total amount paid to/for all pastors for accountable reimbursements	677,252	454,051
Total amount paid to/for all pastors for any other cash allowances	0	0
Non-Clergy Expenses		
Total amount paid in salary and benefits for all other church staff	18,893,497	14,090,932
Total amount spent for local church program expenses	3,436,169	2,446,385
Total amount spent on all other current operating expenses.	13,598,811	9,856,018
TOTAL USED IN APPORTIONMENT FORMULA	49,750,368	35,957,596
Amount paid for property insurance premium	5,309,572	4,962,006
Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses	18,908,383	14,818,024
Total amount paid for principal and interest on indebtedness	1,720,844	2,432,902
Total amount paid on capital expenditures	12,262,677	12,452,786
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY THE LOCAL CHURCH	99,470,881	83,193,846

TABLE 3

Received for Budget Expenditures		
Number of giving units	23,749	18,365
Amount received through pledges	36,726,388	25,173,230
Amount received from non-pledging, but identified givers	26,271,655	17,620,417
Amount received from unidentified givers	1,670,258	1,227,642
Amount received from interest and dividends and/or transferred from liquid assets	1,259,878	1,795,502
Amount received from Sale of Church Assets	276,738	306,894
Amount received through building use fees, contributions, and rentals	2,458,227	2,503,241
Amount received through fundraisers and other sources	9,464,661	8,510,407
Total income for annual budget/spending plan	78,127,805	57,137,333
Received for Capital/Special Project Expenditures		
Capital campaigns	2,946,207	1,853,562

Memorials, endowments, and bequests	3,430,920	1,862,234
Funds from other sources and projects, including sale of buildings	11,058,486	11,646,849
Amount received for Special Sundays, General Advance Specials, World Service Specials, Conference Advance Specials and other forms of directed benevolent (charitable) giving	1,744,492	690,820
Total income for designated causes including capital campaign and other special projects	19,180,105	16,053,465
Received From Other Sources		
Equitable Compensation Funds received by Church or Pastor	53,775	194,388
Advance Special, apportioned, and connectional funds received by church	61,524	14,619
Other grants and financial support from institutional sources	2,354,463	2,795,226
Total income from connectional and other institutional sources outside the local church	2,469,762	3,004,233
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE LOCAL CHURCH	99,777,553	76,195,031

REPORTS RELATED TO VITAL CONGREGATIONS:

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

Since launching the Office of Congregational Vitality last year, our team – including Rev. Dr. Van Stinson, Rev. Al Young, and Rev. Robert Johnson – has been on a mission to ignite vitality across Louisiana. We've been hitting the ground running, conducting research, providing leadership and resources to congregations, and diving deep into the heart of our communities.

We've continued the popular Small is the New Big Workshop series, and we've launched a brand new program to help churches integrate newcomers. We're also providing leadership and support to numerous congregations, and making it a priority to connect with a wide range of communities across the state. But that's not all!

We are excited about the work of Bethany UMC in New Orleans, appointed a pastor for a new faith community in Ruston, and begun identifying prime locations for future church development.

I've also been working alongside churches to craft strategies and leverage technology to get a clearer picture of their current size and demographics. This is crucial for making informed decisions and communicating effectively in today's world.

As we move forward, we're setting our sights on planting a new church in Ruston and beyond. We're also expanding our equipping ministry to help churches identify and nurture the hallmarks of a thriving congregation. We're combing through historical data to pinpoint areas where churches are flourishing, and pinpointing opportunities to amplify vitality in other areas.

Throughout all of this, our focus remains laser-sharp: empowering Louisiana United Methodist churches to thrive in the here and now.

Rev. Chad Brooks

BLACK CHURCH VITALITY

As the Black Church Vitality Strategist for The Louisiana Conference, I have discovered that there are many opportunities and faith communities in need of a new identity. Many of our black churches worship less than fifty people in attendance weekly. Our pastors and our members are aging, and over sixty percent of our black churches don't have young adults active in their faith communities.

The Black United Methodist church has to reconnect to our local communities. Many people of color believe that our black United Methodist Churches are white congregations. The black United Methodist churches here in the Louisiana Conference must tell our stories as black Methodists and have worship experiences that meet the culture of blackness. People of color are attending more white churches or other denominations rather than the black United Methodist church in their local community.

I am focusing on learning about each Black United Methodist Church in our Conference; as you know, every church has a different mission field. We have to establish a relationship with the people in our local communities so they can understand who we are as Black United Methodists.

We, as a black population, have a high concentration in our state; however, we are less than one percent in attending the black United Methodist Church combined with all the black denominations. More blacks are attending other black churches than the black United Methodist Church.

In the Louisiana United Methodist Conference, we have 105 black churches, representing 39% of churches in the conference. We have opportunities to help our churches be vital congregations in the 21st Century. Three faith communities have received coaches from the SB21, Strengthening the Black Church in the 21st Century, by receiving Grants, which are Cornerstone, Camphor, and Hartzell-Mt Zion.

My hope and dream is to start a black church in the Monroe District. In the Monroe and Shreveport areas, there is a high population of black communities. Currently, we have only seven churches within these areas, with an average weekly attendance of 185 combined. We have an opportunity to start a few Black United Methodist churches in the northern part of Louisiana. We need to move forward in HOPE to make this a reality. I and a group of United Methodist Ministers are planning a Black Church Convocation in the future with the theme: Black Experience. Every racial-ethnic group has its way of expressing their culture during the worship experience. We hope to share worshipping from the black perspective, hospitality, and seeing all the people in our local mission fields.

Through Congregational Development, I hope to bring new ideas and resources for the black church in local communities. Many of our black faith communities don't have the resources to compete with other churches in their area. Unfortunately, many of our church buildings are not in good condition. We learn that Mt. Olive-St. Peter in Bastrop can't return to its building because of its condition? They have been worshipping online via Zoom for several months. In Monroe, St. James can only worship in their building when the weather is conducive for them to be in the building. They are not able to afford to repair or maintain the maintenance of the building. In Shreveport, Fairfield and St. James share worship space at Fairfield UMC. St. James building has been condemned for a few years, and they have moved around to have a place to worship. We thank God for the members of St. James for being resilient to keep moving forward and wanting to become a vital congregation.

A positive note is that in New Orleans, Bethany is in a new phase of a "New Start" with the assistance of a grant from Congregational Development for the next few years. Under the leadership of Rev. Eugene Boger, this faith community is experiencing new life. They are partnering with local colleges and community organizations, and the people in the community are starting to reconnect to the church again.

My vision for the black church is to tell our story of who we are as black United Methodists and our love for Methodism. As I stated previously, my mission is to assist, teach, and lead more black United Methodist faith communities into being vital congregations spiritually. We still have hope; it is possible to have our churches vital and accomplish ministry to meet the needs of the people living in our communities, proclaiming the gospel in ways of our culture to attract people of color. With the help and support of the people called Methodists, together, we can make a significant impact in the black community, one faith community at a time, impacting lives and leading people to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Rev. Robert Johnson

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Mission:** To inspire and support local churches and leaders for their task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.
- Vision:** To support/resource pastors and congregants to grow in their Christian Discipleship that they may discover their God-given purpose through instruction and relationships and step out of their comfort zones to transform the world through risk-taking service.
- Mission Principle 1:** Provide resources to our pastors and churches that provide methodologies for discipling people at all six stages of spiritual development through invitation, instruction, relationships and service with the primary goal of each becoming a self-feeding, fully committed follower of Jesus Christ.
- Mission Principle 2:** Look for and establish partnerships with groups charged with reaching youth and children such as the Conference/District Council on Youth Ministry and our Camping ministries in order to resource and support the critical development of discipleship in our young people.
- Mission Principle 3:** Look for opportunities to build connection within the Conference that we might grow together in our Discipleship and bring growth and accountability across the Connection.

Jason Moore Seminars – Crafting Creative Worship – Both/And – Branding 101:

Meets Mission Principles 1 and 3

Jason Moore, nationally recognized church consultant, hosted 3 workshops in Slidell, January 13 and 14.

Session 1: Crafting Creative Worship Experiences That Last: Deep, meaningful, creative worship is available to any church willing to be more intentional about how worship is crafted. If your worship experiences are feeling a bit stagnant, or if you're just feeling tired from a pandemic and looking for ways to share the gospel. Reach more people at home and in-person with gospel centered creative worship.

Session 2: BOTH/AND: Maximizing Hybrid Worship

Before the global pandemic, the majority of congregations who were streaming worship online were (more or less) creating an experience for the people gathered in-person in their buildings. Others went online for the first time when the pandemic arrived. During the lockdown, those veterans and newbies employed a strategy where experiences of worship were focused on creating worship for those not in the room. ministry.

Participants learned to build a foundation for why hybrid is a winning strategy for the future, where to focus their attention next, and how to maximize participation for their congregations.

This 2.5 hour workshop explored:

- Re-imagining worship for both/and
- How to create interactive both/and experiences
- Bringing at home and in-person audiences together in real time
- Alternative opportunities for online audiences watching in-person livestreams
- Repurposing in-person worship for online audiences
- Strategies for adapting rites, rituals and practices for both/and
- Avoiding letting your groove becoming a rut
- And more

Session 3: Branding 101 Your church has a story to tell, but are you telling it well? If you aren't telling it or if you're not telling it well, someone else may just do it for you. Reaching more people requires an intentional strategy, knowing your target audience and what images, metaphors and stories convey who you are to them.

Fusion Elevate (Senior High Retreat):

Meets Mission Principles 2 and 3

The Board of Discipleship funded 10 scholarships at \$135.00 a piece for a total of \$1,350.00

The Harry Denman Evangelism Award: This award honors United Methodists selected by the annual conference for their exceptional ministry of evangelism - expressed in Word (what), Sign (why), and Deed (how) – that brings people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. A Harry Denman Evangelism Award recipient consistently introduces those they serve to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Their ministry is outstanding for the number of new Christ Followers who credit encounters with this person as critical in helping to start or reignite their faith journey.
2023 Recipients: Rev. Amy Duhon Castro, Rev. Jay Hogewood, and Hannah Castro

One Matters Award – General Board of Discipleship:

Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church is urging each conference to use the award to recognize one church that is turning zeros into positive numbers with a renewed focus on discipleship. "With the One Matters Discipleship Award, we want to lift up the importance of discipleship and help interpret across the connection what zeros in professions of faith and baptism mean and what moving away from the zeros means," said Jeff Campbell, Director of Annual Conference Relationships at Discipleship Ministries. "Each '1' in those categories represents a transformed life – a life that matters to God, and a life that should matter to us."

Rev. John Gilmore, Chair

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION & CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation

At Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation we find ourselves swept up in a powerful, revitalizing move of the Holy Spirit. We've faced new and substantial challenges on campus over the past handful of years, but God has led us to adapt and to endure in bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. LA Tech Wesley remains a dynamically rich missionary community, and every year more and more of the work we do is straightforward evangelism.

This year specifically we've seen substantial growth in recruitment of freshmen at all the deeper layers of our community — at our Tuesday evening Bible study, in weekly Community Groups, on retreats, in our Summer mission trip to Ethiopia, and in our student Discipleship Team. God is still calling young women and men into the pastorate, and we continue to send leaders who have been formed at Wesley on to seminary and into vocational ministry — at a rate of about 2 prospective young pastors per year. At a time when so many Mainline institutions are struggling to engage young people, by the grace of God, we are still baptizing new college-aged believers most school years. Our college students work regularly with the poor here locally and we continue to send students abroad on mission trips every summer. We are providing a truly rare depth of spiritual formation that roots college students' faith — in scripture, the sacraments, and disciplines of prayer — so that they have a fighting chance of remaining Christians throughout their lives. We are teaching college students to build a rich life of community that resembles the love and witness of the church in the Acts of the Apostles. We are aiming, in all things, for the revival of Christianity and the church in North America. In all these ways, we are continuing the well established legacy of missionary work for which LA Tech Wesley has been known for decades.

Louisiana Tech Wesley is healthy and growing, but the recent precipitous division of our denomination represents an urgent funding challenge for our future. Our Conference grant is being cut by \$16,000 in 2024. We've been told to expect further cuts in years to come, and it is rumored that Conference funding will cease entirely after 2025. We believe that LA Tech Wesley can be a remnant of unity even amid the ongoing painful separation process our denominational family is enduring. We are hopeful that Methodists of all stripes will continue to recognize the evangelistic work we're doing on Louisiana Tech's campus as worthy of their support and collaboration.

Rev. W. Ryan Ford — Director

NOLA Wesley and the Labyrinth Café

Rev Zoë Garry, Director

"Finding a Christian community that so openly accepts me for my absolute genuine self has been one of the greatest gifts I've found in my first semester of college. I thought I would slowly lose my faith in the busy college life, but because of the Labyrinth, I've found that to be quite the opposite. Every day I grow closer to God and I'm glad I found this community to share that journey with."
Julian Mowry, Freshman

"One of the many things I love about Wesley is that it's a community I can count on. We show up for each other in so



many ways, and I find that really meaningful and comforting. Sunday night dinner and worship is something I look forward to every week and I know that I can show up just as I am and I won't just be accepted, I'll be loved." Isabel Kreher, Senior

"In my first semester as a freshman, I joined the Labyrinth and immediately discovered a welcoming haven on campus. The Labyrinth has evolved into my home away from home, offering a nurturing community and a caring atmosphere. The environment cultivated by the Labyrinth has not only led to the development of lasting friendships with incredible individuals who genuinely care about me but has also played a crucial role in building the confidence and self-assurance I now possess. I am eternally grateful for the positive impact the Labyrinth has had on my college experience."
Kioja Johnson, Sophomore



NOLA Wesley and the Labyrinth Café has seen unprecedented growth over the past 4 years. Our café ministry has taken off.

Oct 2020- 82 guests

Oct 2021- 1,261 guests

Oct 2022- 2,835 guests

Oct 2023- 4,850 guests

Because of this growth we have had to make massive upgrades to our space.

Building Updates:

- Purchased new café equipment and furniture
 - 2 fridges
 - 2 griddles
 - 5 tables and chairs
 - 1 low boy fridge
 - 1 stove top
 - 1 commercial oven
 - Square register
 - Commercial dishwasher
 - Handwashing sink
 - Mop sink
- Security cameras
- Sound system
- Professional trash service
- Professional cleaning service
- Added an accounting firm to help us with the massive numbers of café donations.



Faith Celebrations:

- One of our seniors from last year, Mark Keplinger, was admitted and will be attending Duke Seminary this fall.
- We will celebrate our first baptism this semester! Ella Robinett.
- We are in the middle of our Senior Sermons: 5 Seniors sharing their faith stories with the students.

Programming Highlights:

- Annual Crawfish Boil
- Kayaking in the Bayou
- Worship in Action (monthly volunteer programming with Dillard University Chapel and Tulane's Hillel)
- Pride Prom
- Lenten Devotionals
- Mardi Gras Crafting

Church Partners:

- Rayne UMC
- Munholland UMC
- St. Luke's UMC
- Algiers UMC
- St. Matthews UMC
- First Grace UMC
- John Calvin PCUSA
- St. Charles Ave PCUSA
- Berean PCUSA
- Covington PCUSA
- Jefferson PCUSA
- St. Charles Ave Presbyterian Church
- YAV NOLA



Concerns and Challenges:

- Division of time and energy between the café portion of the ministry and the Church community.
- How do we maintain our ministry identity when many people come to us for affordable food and treat the space disrespectfully?
- How do we navigate massive growth without that growth in leadership/staff?



Wesley Campus Ministry – University of Louisiana, Lafayette

Consecutive, fully lived school years seem like a normal expectation until it became something we no longer knew. The reset and restart of the campus ministry that began in July of 2019 is finally entering into consistent rhythms for the first time in nearly 5 years. Some of our very first freshmen are graduating in May 2024, and we have students finally able to grow with us, aided by the regularity of schedules and timing. There is much to celebrate and here is a quick summary of life at UL Wesley.

Our **Monday Free Lunch** is a staple within our weekly schedule and our largest point of invitation and introduction that exists. Fluid and energetic, we welcome a wide spectrum of backgrounds into our space. Completely free and with “no strings attached”, we are averaging nearly 35 people in attendance per lunch date (as of early April). We encourage our various food providers (church folks) to join us for the meal. These conversations have proven to be life-giving for both sides of this engagement.

Our **Wesley Advisory Committee (WAC)** began in the Fall of 2023. These are our student leaders. Completely voluntary, they have agreed to grow and stretch in new directions to further the development of the UL Wesley community and themselves, on a personal level.

The **servant** hearts of our students continue to be on display. We have found ways to serve collaboratively with both campus entities and within our UMC connection. Coulee Cleanup (post-Mardi Gras) and The Big Event are wide reaching UL based endeavors that we have joined, and our partnership with the three (3) UM Children’s Homes continues to bless the 150+ children with handmade valentines, stuffed animals, and snacks. And, for the first time in recent history (maybe 10+ years), we have a **Mission Trip** on the calendar. In May, we will participate in UMArmy’s College Week in Gruene, TX.

Worship looks different at UL Wesley. Last year we traded traditional worship for a dinner church-type experience we call **Family Dinner**, complete with real plates and real conversation. Additionally, we added a **weekly devotional** to our plans and that meet-up has been held consistently since its beginnings in the Fall.

Donut Days are some of the most fun we get to have. Each semester we pick a Wednesday and hand out donuts and fresh-made coffee and bottles of water. We are reaching 500+ students in a small window of time and this March we handed out 34 dozen donuts in less than three hours. Constantly we answer the questions “why” and “what’s the catch?” – our students are redefining who “church people” can be for so many that we meet.

Retreats are becoming beloved moments that our students experience. This year we partnered with our ministry friends in Texas for College Winter Weekend at John Knox Ranch just outside San Marcos. God was truly present and one of our students was so moved that she will be a camp counselor this summer. Praise God!

We have our **Oldies** group of young alumni, grad students, and young professionals that is starting to develop into a sweet community. We continue to connect local churches with our **UL Campus Cupboard (food pantry)**, and you can always find a few friends giggling away over a board or video game. Our workstations help a LOT of homework and assignments get completed, and we always consume plenty of coffee and desserts – and they’re always **free**!

There is work to be done as growth continues, but the future is truly hopeful. Intentionality is key with everything we do. We stay rooted in building relationships by loving God and loving neighbor and we do our best to keep it simple. We love whoever walks in the door and we let God do what God does. It is with immense gratitude that this report concludes. May God’s peace be with you.

Jessica L Trahan, Director

Wesley Foundation – University of Louisiana, Monroe

This report will reflect the activities of this campus ministry for the 2023/24 academic year. We see the campus as our mission field, and most of what we do targets three specific student groups: Athletes, Greek Life, & International Students. Below will be a list of different events or weekly activities followed by a brief explanation of what takes place at each one.

ULM Baseball

Team Breakfast – Each Friday morning the players and coaches meet at the Wesley Foundation to cook and eat. As the team chaplain, Alan Johnson leads the whole group in bible study following breakfast.

Weekly Players Bible Study – This is a voluntary bible study held on Thursday evenings at Wesley. Average attendance is 8-10 players. Alan has been leading them through the Gospel of John & the NT letter of Philippians.

Coaches Bible Study – Alan meets with the head coach weekly throughout the year. Sometimes this is a one-on-one meeting for spiritual mentoring. Some weeks a few of the other coaches join for a bible study on the Gospel of Mark.

Team Chaplain – Alan spends time with the team at home games, road games, occasional practices, and meetings with individual players. Most of this time is for building relationships, but on road weekends he also leads bible studies and a chapel service on Sunday mornings before games.

Team Building Retreat – This is a yearly event in January held overnight at nearby retreat center. Alan utilizes former players, area church members, and university employees to put together an experience that helps build team unity, stretches the players & coaches spiritually, and challenges them to think “big picture.”

ULM Volleyball (Indoor)

Team Building Retreat – This event took place in August and we plan to make it an annual event. It is similar to the baseball team retreat.

Weekly Players Bible Study – This voluntary bible study began in March of 2024. We hosted a team dinner at Wesley. Alan followed up with a few of the players and this event grew from that conversation. Ten (out of 12) players participate. We are studying the Gospel of Mark and also reading through a book titled *Single Dating Engaged Married*. We meet on Tuesday afternoons.

ULM Soccer Team Building Retreat – This is scheduled for the last weekend of April and is similar to the baseball retreat.

Burgers on the Bayou – Each week we grill 160 burgers and pass them out to students in Bayou Park. Local churches provide the food, and we invite different student groups to come help serve. In the fall semester: Baseball, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and Nursing students all took turns. This spring: Soccer has served each week.

All Girls Bible Study – This small group study is held on Monday evenings over dinner. They are currently studying Esther.

Tuesday Night Group – This began as a Greek Life bible study but is open to anyone. In the fall we studied through the book *Single Dating Engaged Married*. This spring we have been watching *The Chosen* and studying the scriptures connected to each episode.

Greek Life Worship – This is held on Sunday nights at 8, which is directly after most of the chapter meetings. Students lead the music portion of worship. Sometimes a student shares testimony, the other weeks Alan leads a discussion based on the gospel of Matthew. This became a weekly event in January.

Our largest crowd was 26 students. This worship service has sparked another bible study led by Greek Life students on Thursday nights in one of their houses.

Kappa Sigma Brotherhood Retreat – This was held in October. This was similar to the baseball retreat. 33 young men participated.

International Students

Christianity 101 – This is a weekly teaching event that includes a meal. Staff members and students from three different campus ministries help organize this event designed to introduce students to a relationship with Christ. The numbers for this are higher at the beginning of each semester (about 20) and then it levels off to a small group of 5-10.

Tuesday Culture Talk – This weekly coffee/tea/dessert event is designed to build relationships and allow international students to ask questions about American culture and share about traditions and ideas from their home country with Americans. The average weekly attendance is 15-20.

Fall & Spring Break Camping – These trips are designed to build relationships with international students – most of who don't know Christ and don't have anywhere else to go over these breaks. Participation ranges from 20-30 internationals, and usually 5-6 Americans.

Mexico Mission Trip – This is an annual event, typically held in December right after graduation. It's a 5-day trip to Acuna, Mexico, through Casas Por Cristo. We have taken hundreds of students since 2009. The trip is designed for 20 – 22 people. This past year we had 1 student & 1 staff from ULM baseball, 1 from ULM Soccer, 2 international students, 4 from Kappa Sigma, 2 students from LSU, and a handful of other ULM students and adults for a total of 19 people.

Goals & Challenges

Over the summer, the plan is to invest in students from all of these groups in order to build up leaders for the next school year.

Right now, we only have involvement from 3 Greek groups. The hope is to double that next year. Being intentional this summer with the leaders we already have and reaching out to new students will be key as we head into the fall semester.

We have really good momentum with baseball & volleyball. We want to build on that, but we also plan to work on our relationship with men & women's basketball.

Our Sportsman's Auction is held every September. Last year it grew by over \$10,000. We want to increase it by at least that much this year.

We have great relationships with churches in our area. We want to keep building our support base through them and our alumni. Our Sportsman's Auction provides us a great opportunity to share our story and really stretch the net of our financial support.

Rev. Alan Johnson - Campus Minister

Southeastern Louisiana University Campus Ministry

SLU Kairos Campus Ministry 2024 Pre-Conference Report

2024 has been a challenging year for the SLU Kairos Campus Ministry. Our long time director left on short notice in June of 2023. The board of Directors have maintained the ministry on a limited basis caring for 8 residents, maintaining the building, relocating and restarting the Career Closet professional clothing ministry. We're actively looking for a new Director of Kairos Campus Ministry and hope to have

a new director in place by August of 2024.

We developed cooperative ministries with First Christian Church, First Hammond UMC, First Presbyterian Church of Hammond. With volunteers from these churches we fed over 50 International students over Spring Break as well as a campus wide lunch in the Spring of 2024. We hired a part time interim director in March of 2024 who guided the meals and cared for the residents. Our interim director left in May of 2024. In developing our cooperative ministry and to invite partners in we developed the Kairos Campus Ministry Plan which will help guide us moving forward into next year.

Kairos Campus Ministry Plan

Mission: To Proclaim and reflect the love of Jesus Christ to, with, and for the students, faculty and staff of Southeastern Louisiana University.

Vision: Kairos Campus Ministry is a welcoming place where all people are **INVITED** to explore their spiritual life and become aware of Jesus Christ and how he lived in the world; **INSPIRED** to grow in faith and ethical living, as well as learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ; and **ENCOURAGED** to live their faith by doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God.

Where We've Been

The building that houses the Kairos Campus Ministry was built in 1956 on the south side of the growing Southeastern Louisiana University. As SLU grew and expanded, the Wesley served the students, faculty, and staff faithfully through fellowship, bible study, and service. Over the summer of 2016, a new vision was adopted and renovations began. By the beginning of Fall 2016, over \$100,000.00 in material and labor was donated which allowed the building to become a state of the art facility.

Where We Are Going

God has given us a fresh vision of where we should go as a community. Southeastern has over 14,000 students on campus every week, hundreds of adults who are faculty and staff, and 6,000 additional individuals who call Hammond home. Over 1/2 of the individuals in our community, young and old, are giving up and walking away from the Church, while others have never engaged in a community of Jesus followers. The Wesley cannot reach all these individuals with the beautiful, life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ by remaining only a campus ministry, focusing solely on students. We need to expand; We need to plant; We will do that by creating vital mission and worship experiences in our facility.

Vision

In the book of Acts, Luke tells us what happened after Jesus was resurrected. After teaching for several weeks, Jesus tells His disciples that He is leaving, but He will not leave them alone. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NIV. Through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was instructing them (and us) to share their (and our) life-changing experience of Jesus, who was always for everyone He encountered. He even told them (us) who we are supposed to share it with! We sense the Spirit is asking us, "What would it would like if we grow beyond being just PART of our community? What would it look like if we were FOR it? What if we engaged local people, schools, and businesses in such a way that we became a catalyst for lasting change in our community? What if we were For-Hammond.

For Outsiders: It's becoming more evident that people are walking away from, or not engaging in Christian community or way of life. Many in the academic community have come to refer to these individuals as "Nones" (those who have no religious affiliation or background), and "Dones;" (those that have walked away from the Christian way faith). As we have created spaces in our community that have welcomed in these individuals, we are finding out that they are not 'For' the Church because in their experience the Church has not been 'For' them.

Through the Wesley college ministry, many of these Outsiders are choosing to engage or reengage in the Christian faith, through the new expressions of worship, study, and service. We sense God is leading us to expand this open and welcoming model/community to the larger Hammond area.

We feel led to replicate our current worship expression, “Table Talk” geared to students who are not followers of Jesus. The worship expression happens over a communal meal at a table of no more than six people, one of which is the table leader (and follower of Jesus). After some light conversation at the tables, the speaker for the evening shares a brief story or teaching about Jesus. At the conclusion, each table discusses provided questions. The final question asks what can the community do for them this week. The evening concluded with everyone sharing in the Eucharist. To date, approximately 75% attendance are non-Christian. Attendance is consistent and growth has been steady.

For Insiders: The Southeastern Wesley will continue to be a safe place for students who are familiar and comfortable with a main stream expression of Christianity. It will also be a safe place for any follower of Jesus to grow in their own faith by being disciplined in such a way that they will be fully prepared and capable to make other disciples. It will be a place for existing followers of Jesus to participate in a community of intentional living, merging their lives with not only other followers of Jesus but with others who might be opening to seeking God.

Vision for Ministry: As a result of this ministry, we would like to see our students become the following kind of persons:

<i>Spiritually Centered:</i>	Open to God’s will and having a personal relationship with God.
<i>Prayerful:</i>	Someone who possesses a personal prayer life
<i>Equipped:</i>	Ready to face the world and prepared to make right decisions
<i>Community:</i>	Understanding that spiritual growth is a team sport and that in order to grow they need to be in relationship with others who provide accountability and advice.
<i>Student of the Word:</i>	Biblically knowledgeable with a desire to learn even more.
<i>Evangelistic:</i>	Passionate for others to learn about God and demonstrate God’s love to them.
<i>Servants:</i>	Aware of others needs with a yearning for service and mission

How will we provide for those needs?

Ministry Philosophy: What are the key concepts that will guide the success of our ministry?

Discipling Ministry Focus: Beginning and then growing in a relationship with God is at the center of everything we do. Impact events will help bring un-churched students to know God while a continuing, growing relationship with God will be formed through the study of scripture, serving together and worshiping together.

Foundation of Prayer: Prayer is at the heart of everyone’s relationship with God. Learning to love to pray is an [essential process included in this ministry. In a variety of ways, over the last year we have modeled different forms of prayer and allowed students to experience different forms of prayer to increase their skill and experience in this area. As we move forward we will continue this emphasis and develop prayer-partners that couple people who will pray for one-another and support each other in their growth in life and faith.

Mission/Service: This ministry provides opportunities for service (impact the local church/community) and mission (impact the world) for all students, so that, in the future it will continue to be their desire to serve others, in the name of Jesus. We shall engage in short and long term opportunities centered on the needs and concerns of others.

Leader as Role Model: Our leaders will to the best of their ability model Christ. We are working to develop leaders who are creative, trustworthy and able to relate to students. We will strive to create a respectful environment that honors both adults and youth.

Active Learning: This ministry will foster an active and creative teaching/learning environment when engaging in Bible study. Participants will be involved in interactive and cooperative activities like “high ropes” and “initiatives” (team building games) by which their lives and attitudes will be developed and shaped. We will focus on learning by doing.

Student Servant Leaders: Students will use their God-given talents to be positive role models and challenge other students while helping to lead the ministry. Within a solid framework of adult supervision students will be given the opportunity to develop their leadership potential. There will be an elected student delegate on the Kairos Board. This ministry will focus on nurturing young adults to become effective leaders.

Evangelistic: Our job is to make disciples for God. Data suggests that peer interaction is one of the

most effective tools for reaching out to the unchurched. One of our goals is to equip these young people with the tools they will need to be lifelong evangelists.

Safe, Affirming Environment: This ministry intends to foster an environment where all people are respected and, at all times, students are protected from all mental, spiritual and physical abuse. We want each student to grow in their own self-confidence and grow in a safe atmosphere of acceptance and mutual respect.

Team Approach: We will work together in group projects; discovering untapped talents of those participating on the team. Appropriate parental involvement is also critical to the success of this ministry. Mentoring and intergenerational involvement will foster communication which will encompass the daily activities of the students and direct them towards Christian beliefs. We recognize that campus ministry is a function of the whole church.

Ministry Goals

▪ One Year Goals

- ☐ To create lead at least 12 bible study sessions for students with an average attendance of at least 5 students
- ☐ To house 6-8 students in the Wesley building
- ☐ To reopen the Kairos Kafe at least 5 days per week
- ☐ To hold at least 20 worship experiences for the students
- ☐ To serve at least 10 free lunches for any who are hungry
- ☐ To host 4 service opportunities for students to serve the larger community
- ☐ To advertise our existence on campus
- ☐ To have raised \$30,000.00 in donations for campus ministry
- ☐ To have 5 committed supporting congregations

▪ Three Year Goals

- ☐ To have a functioning student leadership council of at least 3 students
- ☐ To house 6-8 students in the Wesley building
- ☐ To Hire a café manager.
- ☐ To have raised \$75,000.00 in donations for campus ministry
- ☐ To have 8 committed supporting congregations
- ☐ To take interested students to one overnight spiritual retreat.
- ☐ To host at least 6 topical bible studies on campus focused on things that are relevant to college students (relationships, life goals, how is the God of the Bible a loving God, etc.)

▪ Five Year Goals

- ☐ Create a reserve fund to help with building maintenance
- ☐ To Hire a second ministry director (full or part time)
- ☐ To have Kairos Café open 6 days per week
- ☐ To have Kairos Café support itself through food revenues(donations)
- ☐ To incorporate live music into the program, focusing on student musicians
- ☐ To have an intern or apprenticeship slot for an upcoming campus minister
- ☐ To have raised \$150,000 for campus ministry
- ☐ To have 10 committed supporting congregations
- ☐ To launch at least one new program designed to create relationships between students, ministry leaders, and volunteers.

BOARD OF LAITY

Over the last year, the lay leadership of the Louisiana United Methodist Church has been presented with unique opportunities to carry out our mission, as presented in the mission statement of the Board of Laity as follows: *As the conference Board of Laity, we are called to love and serve All God's people in All places and in All times.*

We continue to hold tight to our vision for the work of the board as reflected in the vision statement of the Board of Laity as follows: *As the conference Board of Laity, we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, through spiritual growth opportunities, education opportunities, leadership training, and certified schooling for specialized areas of ministry for the people of the Louisiana Conference.*

We celebrate God's continued work in and through us over the last year, including, but not limited to the following:

- 1) We celebrate the work of our Lay Servant Ministry leaders as we continue to find new ways to expand the reach, accessibility, versatility, and usefulness of our lay servant ministry tools. We particularly celebrate the extent to which partnerships with other ministry teams, boards, and committees have allowed us to expand offerings.
- 2) We celebrate the ways that the Board of Laity has begun a focus on connecting lay leaders to other lay leaders serving in their geographical area.
- 3) We celebrate the resilience and commitment of the people of the Louisiana conference of the United Methodist Church who have remained faithful to the call to serve God and their communities despite having to deal with conflict and grief involved in disaffiliation and disaffiliation conversations.
- 4) We celebrate the ways that lay people have stepped up to organize and support each other through challenging transitions with disaffiliating churches, and the ways that many churches whose resources were affected by disaffiliation have found new life in existing ministries and brand-new ways to connect with each other and serve their communities.
- 5) We celebrate the Daughenbaugh-Matheny Scholarship, which continues to help fund the education of Louisiana Methodist high school graduates who are attending Dillard and Centenary college and which is funded through efforts of our conference laity.
- 6) We celebrate the work that is ongoing to prepare for the new quadrennium and lay people who have said yes to new positions. We commend the ongoing work of existing leadership to streamline conference and district work and their commitment to increasing diversity in leadership.

Over the next year goals and priorities are as follows:

- 1) Continue to create opportunities and strategies for identifying and raising up new leadership.
- 2) Engage in conversation and problem-solving in places of leadership where we lack diversity, including diversity in race, gender, age, or geography.
- 3) Continue to leverage materials and coursework available through lay servant ministries to equip lay people throughout the conference for lay leadership, and particularly for lay leadership in their churches and communities.
- 4) Develop strategies for networking among lay people at the district level.
- 5) Provide role-specific resources and/or training for district lay leaders and other board of laity members to help them better understand their responsibilities.
- 6) Help lay people understand and navigate action or inaction by the General Conference.

We know that the year ahead will not be without its challenges, including those below, but we are confident that God is already at work preparing the way:

- 1) We must continue to remind each other of God's promise and be an example of hope for each other and our conference during the challenges and transitions ahead of us.
- 2) We must be intentional about facilitating lay networks, acknowledging that systems of connection which depend on geographically small districts are no longer a reality.
- 3) We must continue to find creative ways to meet the ongoing challenge of equipping lay people for disciple-making.
- 4) We continue to seek mutual understanding as to what it means to love and serve all God's people in all places and at all times in our current context of increased political and cultural conflict.

- 5) We are concerned about how to help churches navigate grief and loss resulting from last year's disaffiliation actions and changes which may be coming through jurisdictional and general conference decisions.

Jennifer Swann, Chair of Board of Laity

Daughenbaugh-Matheny Scholarship Committee

The Committee:

Carolyn Dove	Acadiana District
Rhonda Whitley	Baton Rouge District
Greg Bergstedt	Lake Charles District
(empty)	Monroe District
(empty)	New Orleans District
(empty)	Shreveport District

Committee members will interview any new potential scholarship recipients and first year recipients from their districts for the upcoming academic year. Final scholarship recipients will be chosen and announced in May.

If you know anyone who would be willing to serve as a New Orleans, Shreveport, or Monroe district representative, please reach out to Lauren Hudson at lauren.hudson225@gmail.com.

Account Update for 2023-2024

The Daughenbaugh Matheny Scholarship Fund has an ending balance of \$42,140.46 as of March 31, 2024. Please continue to support the fund this year with your gifts and your prayers.

Applications

The application is available online and can be found at <https://www.la-umc.org/daughenbaughmathenyscholarship>.

We have received four applications for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

If you know a student who is attending or is planning to attend either Centenary College or Dillard University, has a minimum 2.5 GPA, is a Louisiana resident and an active member of a Louisiana Conference United Methodist Church, please encourage him/her to apply.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Hudson

Chair

Daughenbaugh Matheny Scholarship Fund

Deaconess Report

In May of 2022, I was consecrated at the United Women in Faith Assembly in Orlando, Florida. At our Annual Conference in June, I was commissioned as a Deaconess for the Louisiana Conference by Bishop Cynthia Harvey. It was one of the most memorable days of my life.

I have remained dedicated to my ministry. I am a wish granter, fundraiser and speaker for the Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana Chapter. I have the opportunity to impact the lives of chronic and critically ill children when they need hope, strength and joy that only a wish can provide. I love being a Deaconess and what I do with Make-A-Wish. It has been a rewarding experience in my life. I love to see

the joy on a child's face when I deliver their wish packet to them or receive photos of their wish. It touches my heart to see them so happy, and in return, I receive unspeakable joy because I've made a difference in a child's life.

As a Deaconess, I am a layperson who was called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together, the Deaconesses and Home Missioners form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach.

The Deaconess and Home Missioner call to ministries of love, justice, and service is defined in Paragraph 1913.1 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, which states:

Deaconesses and Home Missioners function through diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his ministry and mission, which mandate that his followers:

- Alleviate suffering
- Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth
- Facilitate the development of full human potential
- Share in the building global community through the church universal

Discernment Events for Deaconesses and Home Missioner Ministry

During a period of discernment, we listen for the call of God on our lives. The Deaconess/Home Missioner Discernment event is an opportunity to explore God's call to vocational ministry, hear and share call stories, and learn what it takes to be in relationship as a Deaconess or Home Missioner.

Our Order continues to grow! As of May 1, 2024 across the United States, we have:

Deaconess Home Missioners: Active – 267, Retired – 119

Home Missionaries: Active – 4, Retired - 44

As of this date, I am the only active Deaconess in the Louisiana Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Deaconess Brenda Thomas-Nero

Lay Servant Ministries

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs already available within the United Methodist Connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples. Our programs have rebounded and are in high gear again! Last Spring we held the Basic class along with two Advanced classes in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, New Orleans and Shreveport. Registration is currently happening for classes to be held on May 18, 2024 in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Lafayette, Lake Charles and Monroe; Shreveport will hold its classes on June 1, 2024. We've enlisted the assistance of the Board of Laity in coordinating this round of classes. All locations will offer the Basic, Leading Worship and Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders class. We are excited to be able to hold classes in all areas of the state.

Our goal is to continue offering courses to develop strong effective lay leadership, aid in discovering spiritual gifts and provide training within the Louisiana Conference.

Donna Whittington
Director

COMMUNICATIONS

This past year has been a landmark period for the Communications Department of the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. We embarked on a journey of substantial growth and innovation, marked by several significant achievements connecting us to our mission to equip our local churches as they make disciples of Jesus Christ.

As the year began, our studio was only halfway completed. This new state-of-the-art facility has dramatically enhanced our ability to produce high-quality video content. It is regularly used to record insightful messages from our bishop and other conference staff, providing them with a modern medium through which to reach our Annual Conference effectively.

Our digital engagement metrics tell a story of significant outreach expansion. The Louisiana NOW email subscription saw a robust 22% increase, bringing new vigor to our communication efforts. Meanwhile, our presence on social media platforms, particularly TikTok, experienced a remarkable surge. We witnessed a 38% increase in engagement rates, making our TikTok channel one of the most active among all the United Methodist Church Annual Conferences. This digital growth has not only broadened our reach but also deepened our connections within the community we serve.

This year also saw the launch of the "Black Church Matters" podcast, hosted by Rev. Karli Pidgeon. This initiative has provided a powerful platform for exploring the Black Church's rich history, its pivotal role in the present, and its potential for future impact. Through conversations with pastors, scholars, and leaders, the podcast sheds light on the Black Church's contributions to social justice, spirituality, and community cohesion, asserting its enduring relevance in today's rapidly changing world.

Amid these developments, the Communications Department was instrumental in facilitating statewide Listening Sessions for Bishop Delores J. Williamston. These sessions were crucial in enhancing the dialogue between the bishop and the annual conference, ensuring that the voices of our congregation were heard and addressed.

We also helped launch the Prayer 4:24 movement, inspired by Bishop Williamston. This initiative encourages all United Methodists in Louisiana to pause each day at 4:24 PM for a moment of prayer. Our department supported this movement through video resources, webpage development, and strategic social media campaigns. The simplicity of the act of prayer, coupled with its profound potential to unite and heal, has been embraced by our community, reinforcing the power of spiritual connection and reflection.

At the annual United Methodist Association of Communicators award banquet, our department's efforts were recognized with an impressive haul of 13 awards. Among these, the Louisiana NOW podcast was highlighted as Best in Class for the third consecutive year, particularly for the episode "717 Days of Faith," which chronicled the journey of St. Charles United Methodist Church as it marked the days since their congregation last worshiped together in their sanctuary. Additionally, accolades were also given to GNTV for their exceptional live stream of the Annual Conference, and to the General Council on Finance and Administration design team for their creative work on the AC23 logo, "HöPE."

Todd Rossnagel, Director

MISSION AND MERCY TEAM

The Mission and Mercy Team has continued its mission to provide support and funding through ministry grants to local churches in the Louisiana Conference. This support has helped many local churches fulfill their mission in their local communities and beyond. These ministries include Church and Society, Global

Ministries, Religion and Race, Peace and Justice, Disaster Response, COSROW, Church Unity and Inter-religious Ministries, Disabilities, and Hispanic Ministries.

Applications are available at <https://www.la-umc.org/grants>.

The Lafon Home Grant - up to \$10000/20000 specifically for ministries with African American, urban and poverty contexts. Resources from a portion of the sale of the LaFon Home, a conference held property, are available to create, sustain, and grow ministry in the African American context, ministry in urban settings, and ministry with people of poverty. Priority will be given to, but not limited to, ministry in the New Orleans area. Basic project grants can be given up to \$10,000. Larger grants can be considered up to \$20,000 with matching funds in hand.

Peace with Justice Grant - up to \$2000 from the Conference Peace with Justice Offering can be used to support programs, projects, and training (workshops, conferences, and study tours) which engage one or more of the United Methodist Social Principles. Grants up to \$2,000 can be given for church-wide projects. Grants up to \$800 can be given to individuals. Peace and Justice is focusing on voter suppression within America and in local elections. They are working on spreading information about the Freedom to Vote Act and how this can be done in the Methodist churches through sermons and bible lessons.

Support Action Ministry (SAM) Grant - up to \$2000 available annually to assist establishment of a new mission project. These resources can be used to provide a portion of the initial funding necessary for a local church to establish a new mission project serving youth.

Vital Conversations Grant - \$500 per event available to encourage and support vital conversations about systematic inequalities between two churches. To create and resource a vital conversation about race, cultural diversity, xenophobia, privilege, and systematic equality between two churches, at least one of which is United Methodist. Funds could be used to purchase materials and other resources to facilitate a conversation.

Peacemaker Quick Action Grant - \$500 per event available to equip a local church to act as a peacemaker during moments of social unrest. This is a quick turnaround for resources to equip the local church as a peacemaker in a time of social unrest or protest. Applications will be received year-round and can be approved in a 24-hour period to allow churches to be immediate ministry with water, snacks, sunscreen, first aid supplies and symbols of peace.

The *Revolving Loan Program* is still available to churches in need of emergency repairs and minor remodeling. Disbursements \$6000.00. The current available balance of this program to support churches is \$176,186.05.

The Mission and Mercy Team awarded grants to The Louisiana Conference Anti-racism Task Force, Boynton United Methodist Church, Grace Community United Methodist Church, Belle Chase United Methodist Church, and Peoples United Methodist Church.

As part of the Mission & Mercy Team, a Race & Religion subgroup, works to provide sermon series, bible lessons, and training exercises found on the Conference web page to create a Christian awareness of love for all people looking over the culture difference that may be present. Religion and Race continues to do this by championing diversity, equity, and inclusion; developing interculturally competent leaders; and catalyzing authentic community. While racism remains our primary focus, our perspective and partnerships reflect a broader context, which includes poverty, nationalism, tribal conflicts, gender discrimination, homophobia, disability, and generational bias—because we know all forms of oppression are connected, and they cannot be dismantled in isolation.

Rev. Isaac Hammond
Chair, Mission and Mercy Team

Missional Engagement & Outreach/Disaster Preparedness-Response

The office of MEO/Disaster Preparedness-Response has created a new strategic plan addressing how we will prepare and respond to disaster in the future. We believe the new structure will allow us to be better prepared on the front end, create the flexibility to respond in a quicker manner, and develop opportunities for all conference UMC's to be involved with disaster preparedness and response. If your church and I have not had a chance to discuss the disaster preparedness-response plan and how you can play an important role in the future, please send me an email so we can set a time to visit and share ideas.

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Native American Ministries LACONAM

WE celebrate the Native American Ministries of LACONAM in Dulac: Clanton Chapel United Methodist Church, Clanton Chapel Christian Preschool and the Dulac Community Center as part of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Clanton Chapel United Methodist Church is the only Native American United Methodist Church in the Louisiana Annual Conference and has been in Dulac reaching out to all the people of Dulac as an inclusive United Methodist Church working to Make Disciples for Jesus Christ in the midst of a poor community and bringing Faith, Hope and Love to all people since 1932. Clanton Chapel UMC was severely damaged by Hurricane Ida in August, 2021 and had to depend on other churches to continue to rebuild after Hurricane Ida, as we had no wind insurance coverage. Clanton Chapel Preschool was also damaged and is back in operation serving young learners since 1984. The Dulac Community Center, an agency of the Women of Faith was also damaged but is back in operation with social programs to help the community.

WE are concerned that not enough Louisiana Annual Conference Churches support Native American Ministries Sunday and would encourage more churches to support our ministries in Dulac. WE are more than willing to come to any church to tell the story of our Ministries to help more people know of these Ministries.

WE ask that our Bishop, Delores Williamston, our cabinet, Pastors, and Laity to continue to support LACONAM, and our Ministries in Dulac. As the only Native American United Methodist, Kirby Verret, serving the only Native American United Methodist Church in our conference, I relate to our Native Americans and especially, Native American United Methodist in Dulac. It has been a tremendous challenge to be a Native American United Methodist in Dulac for various reasons, but we know Our Lord Called Us to be part of His Church and we are therefore, very loyal to Him.

WE pray for continued Prayers, and other help to continue to serve our Lord in Dulac.

IN HIS SERVICE,
 C. Kirby Verret,
 Chairman, LACONAM

UNITED METHODIST MEN

"To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ"

THE MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF MEN EVERYWHERE

Irrespective of the outcome of the General Conference meetings this year and next, Methodist Men will continue to be focused on making men disciples of Jesus Christ. There is not a man (or woman or child) alive who does not need Jesus. Our mission targets men with the aim of becoming a positive influence for Christ on the world around us. The ultimate mission of United Methodist Men is the same as the UMC which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

2023 UMM ACTIVITY BUILDING COMMUNITY



In 2023 the principal focus was encouraging local community connections. UMM hosted a variety of local & district gatherings designed to create opportunities for fellowship with the goal of building new relationships.

In April in New Orleans a community Good Friday breakfast brought together folks from a wide range of local churches. Louisiana Annual Conference President Mark Lubbock delivered the keynote message. New initiatives generated from the General

Commission on United Methodist Men were revealed including digital resources for individuals and entire churches. Designed for easy access and suitable for groups these new resources include studies, devotions and training tools. Cellphones, tablets and computers of all types can access these new tools.

UMM Leaders from the LA UMC served as advisors with local, regional and national United Methodist Men organizations including the South Central Jurisdiction and National Association of Conference Presidents.

SCOUTING

A brand new and revitalized Scouting program was shared that includes partnerships and affiliations with all Scouting organizations as well as other youth groups. A major new initiative called Shepard Churches is coming soon along with other great ways to encourage children, youth, and young people along a discipling path.



The Center for Scouting Ministries in the GCUMM has robust programs and plans in partnership with the Methodist Men to reach out to support Scouting and involve them in the participation in local Men's events and Spiritual Activities.

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE UMM



Bishop Williamston held several sessions inviting Annual Conference Leaders to share ideas and inspiration. UMM and the Board of Laity participated in this wonderful and fruitful initiative where a wide breadth of great ideas for the Annual Conference were shared with the Bishop.

During this activity Bishop encouraged personal and ministry area relationship building where all participants told about their ministry and passions in service.

LOCAL EVENTS

Equipping men is a key component of the UMM Ministry & one way we actively engage men is through community activities featuring a speaker who shares personal testimony and ideas for local groups to pursue.

One such event took place at Asbury UMC in Lafayette where Dr. Bryan Sibley hosted an event for men from the community. Men & Women attendees from many churches gathered to enjoy a meal and hear a message & testimony from a young Attorney & Author who was mentored by UMM.



2024 & BEYOND

All throughout 2023 and well into 2024 changes continue across all of the United Methodist Church including the LA UMC and UMM. Change is OPPORTUNITY to revisit operations, processes, plans and activities looking for ways to improve. The very nature of the many changes taking place opens up doors for new ways to conduct ministry. New ways to serve the Church. New ways to reach and equip Men as Disciples of Jesus. UMM is actively working to invite new voices into roles of leadership and participation in 2024. Plans include local and District gatherings to listen and plan, to share and rebuild.

2024 UMM Goal

The overarching goal is simple: Expand our Leadership across the Annual Conference. UMM Invites ALL Lay Leaders to connect so that we in turn may learn how to best support the efforts of the local church. The Lay Leaders in turn can help identify local and district men who are willing to become contacts to the local/district committees and churches. UMM offers rich resources dedicated to benefit the local church. The missing link is a local contact who can help share information and details on what is available. We have national, regional and local support volunteers and staff who are ready to serve. What is lacking is an effective means to share all of the program information and resources with the local church.

The KEY component will be training events open to ALL of the church set to be held in each district. UMM will offer core Wesleyan training such as Class Meeting, Band Meeting along with targeted Leadership Development training.

There are three major benefits to this approach:

1. Building Vital Relationships withing each District across all churches.
2. Equipping UMC Leadership (General Church as well as UMM) with:
 - a. Best-In-Class Christian Leadership training resources such as “Lead Like Jesus” and “Way of the Carpenter”.
 - b. Core Methodist Precept Training like “Wesley Class Meeting” (Life Groups) & “Wesley Band Meeting” (Small Group/Accountability Group).
3. Provides a platform and means to share the VAST resources that span THE FULL CHURCH – not just for men. Youth Programs, Hunger Programs, Character Development, Leadership Development, Missions and SO much more!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Lubbock".

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

During the pandemic, our United Women in Faith were introduced to Zoom. We did quite well with it. We had Mission u and Annual Meetings for two years with our new technology. We had meetings via Zoom and it continues to be a vital tool for us to use. Last year, we were able to meet in person for our Social Action and Racial Justice event. It was very well planned. Mission u was a success. We had a great turnout. Our Annual Meeting was held in person in our capital city. For the first time, we had a silent auction to raise funds to support the national mission institutions in our state. The auction was such a hit that we're going to have one every year from now on. It was a wonderful event. Our ladies were so supportive and just full of love.

In May of 2022, our Conference group attended Assembly in Orlando; always such a loving event. We thoroughly enjoyed it and it was especially exciting for me because I was consecrated as a Deaconess.

Our Conference was so blessed in June of last year to have our General Secretary/CEO, Sally Vonner, to stop in our state for a visit. It was so wonderful having her here. We look forward to having her come again.

It is indeed an honor for me to serve as the new conference United Women in Faith president. I am deeply humbled and filled with gratitude. I plan to do my best to serve with integrity.

I appreciate all that our ladies do for United Women in Faith. Without their support and dedication, we could not accomplish the amazing things that we do and continue to put faith, hope and love in action.

I am thankful for such a powerful and fearless group, driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. We act for justice, focusing on women, children and youth and we transform communities.

With God's help, we will continue to be bold, powerful, and unified women. Our love in action changes the world. It takes strength, it takes conviction, faith, and grace to change this world and we will continue to do our best so.

Respectfully submitted,
Deaconess Brenda Thomas-Nero, President
Louisiana Conference United Women in Faith

REPORTS RELATED TO CLERGY EXCELLENCE:

OFFICE OF CLERGY EXCELLENCE

The Office of Clergy Excellence is working hard to offering meaningful opportunities for clergy to engage with one another for learning, rest, and growth.

This year clergy were invited to a fall retreat centered around worship – not just to learn about revitalizing our own worship services, but to spend time just worshipping without leading or planning. Over 60 of our clergy attended our fall retreat, and 45 attended our Spring Retreat.

We also offered Small is the New Big classes in partnership with the Office of Congregational Development. 5 of these events were offered throughout the state with 7 different classes offered to both laity and clergy. Small is the New Big aims to offer practical and bite-sized learning opportunities that pastors and laity can quickly incorporate into the life of their churches. Over 100 people from across the Conference have attended Small is the New Big, and we are excited to continue to grow this program in the future.

Clergy Excellence piloted a small cohort lead by Rev. Dr. Vicki Johnson called the Art of Wellbeing. We are excited to begin offering this opportunity to more of our clergy this year.

We were also excited to represent the Louisiana Conference at Exploration 2024 in Orlando, FL. We were one of 3 annual conferences represented as young people (18-26 years old) interested in pursuing vocational ministry– as licensed or ordained clergy, or lay professionals– gathering to discern and learn more about what vocational ministry looks like. We were thrilled to make connections with these young people and also with seminaries and some of our General boards and agencies.

We continue to work in partnership with the Office of the Bishop, the Cabinet, the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Office of Congregational Development, and the Communications Office to offer opportunities for clergy to move forward in HoPE, to build, connect, and equip ourselves and others to be disciples of Jesus Christ!

Clergy Care	
Clergy Retreats	
Fall 2023 participants:	66
Spring 2024 participants:	45
Clergy Burnout Prevention Coaching	
Participants:	2
Art of Wellbeing	
Spring Cohort	12

<u>Professional Development</u>	
Small is the New Big, growth in sub-100 church	
Houma, LA participants:	36
Shreveport, LA participants:	31
Slidell, LA participants:	25
Alexandria, LA participants:	25
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Rev. Ali Young, Director

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

The Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, which is composed of both clergy and laity, is tasked with the extraordinary responsibility of making sure that the clergy, and others, who lead the churches of the Louisiana Annual Conference are ready to take on the responsibilities to which God has called them. This discernment and credentialing process is not one we take lightly, as we read papers, evaluate projects, and interview candidates for ministry. I would like to thank Katie McKay Simpson, Lauren Frazier-McGuin, Jo Ann Cooper, and Ali Young for all that they have done in making what can sometimes be a daunting task, filled with tears of both joy and sorrow, one that is a blessing in building God's Kin-dom for the people of the United Methodist Church.

While the conference has undergone significant change, our commitment to do the work of God has not changed. The work of the Board of Ordained Ministry begins in the pews of the local church. It is the local church that discerns the call on the lives of those who are members of the congregation. It is my hope and prayer that we continue to encourage and grow the gifts and talents of lay members, who assist in the worship experiences of the local churches. Without you, our work is null and void.

This conference, you will hear of those who are to be commissioned to begin their process to become elders or deacons. We will hear the names of those who have completed license to preach, and will receive their first appointments. We will celebrate with those who will kneel before the Bishop and conference for ordination as elders or deacons. We have on person who will have his orders recognized from one of our sister Methodist denominations. We will rejoice with those who will be passing on the mantle, as they enter our 2024 class of retirees. All this is made possible through your support and prayers for the work of those who serve the Louisiana Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. To God be the glory!

Clifton C. Conrad, Sr., Chair

Division of Elders

As the old saying goes, “Ah! What a difference a year makes!” Last year, we faced the stark reality that there were no elders to recommend at the 2023 Annual Conference for ordination. In contrast, this year, three elders are recommended by the Division of Elders for ordination and four elders for full membership with one of our RIMs transferring fully from the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the UMC. Presently, we have six Residents in Ministry (RIM) in the process toward ordination as an Elder in Full Connection. Throughout this year, we helped each of these women and men navigate their call and ministry capacity as they each served faithfully in their congregations.

We as the Division of Elders have continued our long-standing partnership with Rev. Dr. Craig Gilliam as he directs our RIM process with monthly meetings and retreats to deepen their formation experience with us. Notably, our RIM process has adapted to a digital age and has provided hybrid formation for both in-person and online experiences which has proven to sustain engagement and community-building while responding to clergy family needs. We have also expanded our consideration beyond psychological assessments, parish visits and interviews alone to a broader view of gifts and strengths through other evaluative means.

There is still much to be done in building a stronger pool of leaders for ordained ministry who are committed to answering the set-apart call to Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. We as the Division are working with the Cabinet and Office of Clergy Excellence to re-engage a robust effort to make seminary visits and employ other recruitment strategies to expand possibilities for new leadership in the years to come. I would like to personally thank the clergy and lay members of the Division of Elders for their diligent and faithful work in interviewing and walking alongside these RIM candidates this year. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve as the Chair of the Division through this quadrennia.

John Wesley, in his journal on June 4, 1738, wrote: “And I saw more than ever that the Gospel is in truth but one great promise from the beginning of it to the end.” No matter what comes, no matter what challenges and possibilities the future holds before us, may we believe in this one great promise of God which animates and gently guides our life together.

Rev. Katie McKay Simpson
Chair, Division of Elders

Division of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers

The Division of Deacons continues our role in preparing candidates for servant leadership as ordained Deacons in Full Connection. There are currently three candidates who continue the Resident in Ministry process. They are living out God’s call to ministry at the local church level, the conference level, and in service to the mental health needs of the community. Our division looks forward to celebrating the ordination of one deacon in full connection at the Annual Conference.

The Division is dedicated to collaboration with Bishop Williamston and the cabinet, the Board of Ordained Ministry, and our colleagues at the district levels to raise up leaders in our churches and communities. Many thanks to our dedicated division members and to those who support our candidates in their service to God and His people.

Rev. Lauren Frazier-McGuin,
Chair

Division of Local Pastors and Associate Members

The Division of Local Pastors & Associate Members continues to work with a variety of pastors throughout the Louisiana Annual Conference. We have also revised several policies to be presented at the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for approval.

We have held several zoom gatherings for LP/AM as a means to strengthen our connection.

The Division of Local Pastors and Associate Members also conducts a Licensing School under the leadership of Patty Hewitt. We have three who have completed Licensing School and are on track to be interviewed by this committee in May 2024. These three candidates are also serving as Supply Pastors within our Conference, while completing the necessary steps to be appointed as local pastors.

We also celebrate 2 Local Pastors who have completed Course of Study in 2024! We celebrate 3 elders joining us from other Conferences and have approved 1 candidate as a part-time local pastor and 3 as full-time local pastors.

We give thanks for the dedication and resolve of the Local Pastors and Associate Members of the Louisiana Conference. As we continue this journey through the Valley of HoPE, we see God at work through the vibrant ministries throughout our Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Cooper, Chairperson

Order of Elders

Despite the challenging times facing us, I am happy to report that God is still on the throne and we have made it through another year together. I want to take a moment to commend the hard work of all who are reading this report. You have given so much of your love and life energy to the United Methodist Church. You have played hurt and you have given your all. Though so much of what you do is often unseen, I see you and I am proud to serve alongside you. Keep up the good work.

Now for the best part. The Order of Elders report has something exciting to share with you. For the first time in many years, Bishop Williamston is calling together the Orders and Fellowship! This will give us a chance to deepen connections while addressing needs specific to our unique callings as clergy. This will take place October 22-24, 2024 at the Wesley Center. As your Order of Elders chair, I would love to hear from you about how you feel that time would be best spent. While it may be a required event, it is the hope and desire of all who are planning the retreat that you leave feeling that it was worth the effort to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you over the last few years and I look forward to continuing to work alongside you in the years to come.

Leslie Hyacinth,
Order of Elders Chair

Order of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers

Order of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers Deacons are called to “Word, Service, Compassion and Justice, to both the community and the congregation in a ministry that connects the two” (BOD ¶329). Deacons “act as a bridge between the church and the world, “serving with compassion as they seek to serve those on the margins of society.” (BOD ¶329). In addition to local congregations, Deacons work in community centers, health care, nonprofit institutions and counseling fields, reaching out and drawing

people in from all vocations and occupations. They live and proclaim the Gospel story as they help lead others to an abundant life in Christ through music ministry, spiritual direction, missions, teaching and preaching the Word and pastoral care within local churches. The Order of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers is a “covenant community within the church to mutually support, care for, and hold accountable its members for the sake of the life and mission of the church” (BOD ¶306). The purpose of the Order is to provide regular gatherings for continuing formation, to build relationships that create unity and build trust as well as to nurture and support one another.

At the time of the writing of this report, the Order of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers includes two (2) Diaconal Ministers, seven (7) Provisional Deacons, and eleven (11) Deacons in Full Connection. At this Annual Conference, we will be Ordaining one (1) new Deacon in Full Connection. We have twenty-four (24) retired Deacons in our Louisiana Annual Conference.

Deacons meet together in-person over dinner during Annual Conference to celebrate those being ordained and commissioned. We are grateful to First UMC, Baton Rouge for hosting us and for providing the meal. In October 2023 we held our Annual Retreat/“Deacons Day with the Bishop” at the Wesley Center. There were 13 in attendance who spent time with Bishop Williamston in fellowship and discussing the wide variety of roles in which deacons serve in the Louisiana Conference. The Order of Deacons also voted unanimously to support General Conference 2024 Legislation that expands sacramental authority of the deacon in the UMC.

The Order of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers remains committed to serving as the bridge between the church and the world as we serve in our individual appointments outside the local church and within local congregations throughout the Louisiana Conference.

Rev. Lindy Broderick Chair, Order of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers

Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members

No report available

Clergy Counseling Grants

As a pastoral leader in your church, members of your congregation and community lean heavily on you in times of crisis and celebration, when navigating new life pathways and while in despair. Often you are helping one or more individuals deal with difficult situations at any given time. In more extreme times – such as during the pandemic – the entire church and community looks to you to offer comfort, support, and encouragement as the heaviness of the world weighs on them all.

As you care for others, you may neglect yourself. Your ability to provide effective leadership for your church and community depends greatly on your own total well-being.

We encourage you to share your concerns with someone you trust. Someone with your best interests at heart. Someone who can encourage and support you during difficult times. Your district superintendent is a tremendous resource and is often the best first person to seek out. But, if you find that more help/guidance is needed, the Louisiana Conference Board of Ordained Ministry provides Clergy Counseling Grants of up to \$1500 per year to any clergy under appointment, as well as their spouse or children.

In 2023, twenty-five (25) Clergy Counseling Grant applications were received and approved for up to \$1500 each, totaling \$37500. Of the 25 grants provided, sixteen (16) were awarded to clergy under appointment; five (5) were awarded to spouses of clergy under appointment; and four (4) were awarded

to children of clergy under appointment. Twenty (20) different providers, all licensed and credentialed, were employed, with two (2) of them being out-of-state – sessions were conducted virtually. At the time of this report, seventeen (17) applications have been received and approved for up to \$1500 each, totaling \$25000. Of those 17 grants, fourteen (14) are for clergy; two (2) for clergy spouses; and one (1) for a child of a clergyperson.

Funds for 2024 grants are still available, and the [online application form](#) can be found on the Louisiana Conference website (Resources – Clergy Support – Counseling Grants). If utilizing the online form is not an option, an alternative is to [download the paper version of the application form](#) and forward it by mail to:

***Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
Clergy Counseling Grant
527 North Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802***

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle T. Wooldridge

MINISTER'S EMERGENCY FUND

The Ministers' Emergency Aid Fund is supported by the clergy of the Louisiana Conference who voluntarily contribute one-half of one percent of their base salary annually. We recommend the following guidelines for the Ministers' Emergency Aid Fund:

1. That each clergyperson under appointment in the Louisiana Conference is asked and encouraged to give an amount equal to one-half of one percent of their base salary for 2024 and 2025 to the Ministers' Emergency Aid Fund. These amounts can be deducted from the clergy's payroll and remitted to the Conference office as often as desired (line 5030 on the Conference Remittance Sheet).
2. That this fund be used to provide emergency benefit aid to the clergy of the Louisiana Conference and their immediate families, subject to the following guidelines:
 - a. The maximum amount allowed for a single emergency grant shall be \$1,500
 - b. Exceptional situations may be given special consideration by the Cabinet
 - c. Only one grant will be provided to any one individual in a twelve-month period

In calendar year 2023, Conference clergy contributions and Annual Conference offerings for the Minister's Emergency Aid Fund totaled \$14,472.00, with \$128,046.00 being carried over into 2024. Six (6) grants of \$1,500.00 each for a total of \$9,000, were distributed to clergy families this past year. For 2023, over 100 clergy had pledged to the Ministers' Emergency Fund.

Many thanks to all our clergy who contribute to the support of colleagues in their times of need. Seeing more clergy involved in this effort is encouraging and inspiring. Your aid has made a difference!

REPORTS RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES:

APPOINTIVE CABINET

As is our custom, the appointive cabinet has spent much time this past year praying, listening and discerning. Our endeavor has brought forth two proposals the Cabinet makes to the Annual Conference this year. These proposals can be found below. Adoption of this report constitutes Annual Conference approval of these two items.

Consolidation of Districts

In 2012, the regular session of the Louisiana Annual Conference voted to reduce the number of districts from seven to six. This action was based upon the work and recommendation of the Strategic Vitality Task Force. The intent of the task force in making this recommendation was to: (paraphrased) align resources with ministry, purpose, and practice; reduce Conference Apportionment spending; and to set the stage for a leaner, more agile and responsive Annual Conference structure. In 2024, the Cabinet sees once again the opportunity and need to focus on mission alignment, resource stewardship and an agile and responsive Conference Structure. To this end, the Cabinet moves that the Annual Conference reduce the number of districts from six to three, effective July 1, 2024. With this recommendation the Cabinet reminds the Annual Conference that the Conference sets the number of districts and the bishop and cabinet determine the size and shape of the Districts. See ¶415.4 It is our current thought to simply combine the districts as they are now supervised by the three District Superintendents. The names of the Districts will be: North, Southwest, and Southeast. (See list of churches below.)

While it must be said that this change will have little to no effect on the Conference's apportionment budget, as we have already been operating with a reduced number of superintendents and district offices, we believe that such a change will assist our Conference in better aligning our time, energy and resources with the Conference's mission and purpose of assisting local congregations in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It is also a generally accepted proposition that smaller institutional structures are typically more agile and better equipped to adapt to the needs and demands of an organization successfully navigating today's complex landscape. This reduction in Conference structure also aligns with the recommendations of the Wimberly report, both as an informed consultant and as recommendations heard directly from the constituency of the Annual Conference.

Statistical support for this recommendation can be found by comparing the numbers in the following chart:

As existed in 2012 (last time districts were reduced)		As of 2023 (most recent figures available)		As of 2023 (most recent figures available)	
Membership (Conf)	120,935	Membership (Conf)	58,187	Membership (Conf)	58,187
# Churches (Conf)	501	# Churches (Conf)	261	# Churches (Conf)	261
Professions of Faith (Conf)	1,788	Professions of Faith (Conf)	515	Professions of Faith (Conf)	515
Baptisms (Conf)	1,480	Baptisms (Conf)	293	Baptisms (Conf)	293
Enrolled in Confirmation (Conf)	990	Enrolled in Confirmation (Conf)	518	Enrolled in Confirmation (Conf)	518
Average Conf Worship Attendance (AWA)	41,185	Average Conf Worship Attendance (AWA)	15,327	Average Conf Worship Attendance (AWA)	15,327
Average Churches/District	72	Average Churches/District	43	Average Churches/Current DS	87
Max/Min Churches/District	86/52	Max/Min Churches/District	67/16	Max/Min Churches/Current DS	100/67
Average Members/District	14,204	Average Members/District	9,698	Average Members/Current DS	19,396
Max/Min Members/District	28,080/8079	Max/Min Members/District	19,829/1496	Max/Min Members/Current DS	30,632/12,695

AWA/District	5,283	AWA/District	2,555	AWA/ Current DS	5,109
Max/Min AWA/District	9,768/3,426	Max/Min AWA/District	3,798/1,261	Max/Min AWA/Current DS	6,504/3,122
Total Clergy Conf (Ordained & licensed; active & retired)	603	Total Clergy Conf (Ordained & licensed; active & retired)	398	Avg Total Clergy per current DS (Ordained & licensed; active & retired)	133
Clergy under Appt to charge/extension min (Ft & PT) Conf	394	Clergy under Appt to charge/extension min (Ft & PT) Conf	213	Avg Clergy under Appt to charge/extension (Ft & PT) per current DS	77

While the District lines may shift slightly in the next couple of years (Remember the bishop and Cabinet draw the lines, (See ¶415.4) it is our intent to begin with the configuration below. This configuration corresponds to the geographical areas each DS now serves.

	North District	Southwest District	Southeast District
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	ABBEVILLE	ALDERSGATE
2	ARCADIA, FIRST	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	ALGIERS
3	BASTROP, FIRST	BALDWIN, TRINITY	AMITE
4	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE	ANDREW CHAPEL
5	BEECH GROVE	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	ANGIE, LIVE OAK
6	BERNICE	BERWICK, FIRST	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL
7	BIENVILLE	BERWICK, MASON	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY
8	BIRDS CHAPEL	BRANCH	AURORA
9	BONCHEST	CHURCH POINT	BAKER, FIRST
10	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	CROWLEY, FIRST	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR
11	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	DERIDDER, FIRST	BATON ROUGE, FIRST
12	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON
13	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S
14	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK
15	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	EUNICE	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY
16	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	BELLE CHASSE
17	CASTOR	FRANKLIN, FIRST	BETHANY
18	CENTERPOINT	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	BLACKWATER
19	CHENEYVILLE UMC	HACKBERRY	BLUFF CREEK

20	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	HOUMA, FIRST	BOGALUSA, ESM
21	CHRIST UMC	HOUMA, WESLEY	BOYNTON
22	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC	IOWA, FIRST	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE
23	CLAY	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	CAMPBOR MEMORIAL
24	COLQUITT	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	CARPENTERS CHAPEL
25	CROSS ROADS	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	CARROLLTON
26	DOYLINE	KAPLAN	CENTER
27	DUBACH	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	CLINTON
28	EMMANUEL UMC	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	CLINTON, ASBURY
29	FAIRFIELD	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE
30	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	CLINTON, MT. ZION
31	GILLIAM	LAKE ARTHUR	CLINTON, ST. PETER
32	GLENMORA UMC	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	CONVENT, ST. JAMES
33	GRACE COMMUNITY	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	CORNERSTONE
34	GREENWOOD	LOTTIE, WILEY	COVINGTON, FIRST
35	HASKIN CHAPEL	MALLALIEU	DAY'S
36	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST
37	HOLLY RIDGE	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES
38	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL	ETHEL
39	KEITHVILLE	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	ETHEL, ST. PAUL
40	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)
41	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	MOSS BLUFF	FAITHFUL
42	LECOMPTE UMC	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	FIRST GRACE UMC
43	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	NAPOLEONVILLE, WOODLAWN	FIRST STREET P W
44	LISBON	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	GONZALES, FIRST
45	LOGANSFORT, BETHEL	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	GREENSBURG
46	LOGANSFORT, FIRST	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL
47	MANSFIELD, FIRST	PATTERSON	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE

48	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	PLAQUEMINE FIRST	GRETNA
49	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	HAMMOND, FIRST
50	MANY, FIRST UMC	PORT BARRE	HARRY'S CHAPEL
51	MARION	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	HARTZELL
52	MCDONALD	SCOTT	HARTZELL MT. ZION
53	MER ROUGE	SQYRES	HAVEN TRINITY
54	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	ST. LUKE SIMPSON	HAYES CHAPEL
55	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	HOPE COMMUNITY
56	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	HUGHES MEMORIAL
57	MOORINGSPOUT	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	INDEPENDENCE
58	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	SULPHUR, WESLEY	INGLESIDE
59	MT. SINAI	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	JACKSON
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	THIBODAUX, FIRST	JACKSON CHAPEL
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	JORDAN
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	KOREAN
63	NEW LIGHT	WARREN	LAHARPE THOMPSON
64	NEWMAN UMC	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	LAPLACE, FIRST
65	NOEL MEMORIAL	WELSH, FIRST	LEE'S LANDING
66	NORTH HIGHLANDS	WELSH, JONES	LUTCHER CHAPEL
67	NORTHPOINT	WESTLAKE	MAGNOLIA
68	OAKDALE UMC		MEADOWS CHAPEL
69	OIL CITY		METAIRIE
70	PILGRIM REST		MOSES CHAPEL
71	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC		MT. CARMEL
72	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC		NEELY
73	PLEASANT GROVE UMC		NESOM MEMORIAL
74	RINGGOLD		NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
75	ROSA UMC		NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY

76	ROUND GROVE		NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION
77	SHADY GROVE		NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES
78	Shreveport District		NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S
79	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR		NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW
80	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES		NEW RIVER
81	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S		PEOPLES
82	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL		PHILIPS MEMORIAL
83	SIBLEY		PONCHATOULA, FIRST
84	SIMMESPORT UMC		RAYNE
85	ST. JAMES		ROBERTS
86	ST. JOSEPH		SLAUGHTER
87	ST. PAUL		SLIDELL, FIRST
88	STRANGE UMC		SPRINGFIELD, FIRST
89	SUMMERFIELD		ST. FRANCISVILLE
90	UNION CHAPEL UMC		ST. JOHNS
91	WEAVER UMC		ST. LANDRY
92	WHITEHALL		ST. MATTHEW'S
93	WILTON UMC		THIRKIELD
94	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC		THOMAS
95			TUNICA
96			UNIVERSITY
97			WILLIAMS ROSS
98			WILSON, WESLEY
99			WINAN
100			ZACHARY UMC

District Structure

In response to:

- Our current reality;
- The need for agility and adaptability;
- The recommendations and suggestions gleaned from Wimberly's work with the Conference;
- The need to standardize organization and procedures across the districts;
- The above recommendation that the Conference change the number of districts to 3; and
- The unlikelihood of returning to more than 3 DS's in the foreseeable future; the Appointive cabinet proposes that the below replaces Article 5 of our current Conference Rules and Structure.

We believe this new proposed structure is permissible under ¶¶ 661 and 610.1 of the 2016 BOD, which read in part:

¶610.1. "Annual conferences are permitted the flexibility to design conference and district structures in ways that best support the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ in an increasingly diverse global community and that place secondary any prescribed structure, except for the mandated entities in ¶ 610 above." (Note that the entities referenced here by the phrase "entities in ¶ 610 above." Refer to Conference level agencies.)

¶661 "Each district of an annual conference may organize to develop, administer, and evaluate the missional life, advocacy needs, and ministries of the Church in and through the district."

ARTICLE V: DISTRICTS

- A. Districts shall have the following administrative bodies:
 1. District Ministry Team (DMT)
 2. District Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM)
 3. District Nominations Committee
- B. Any person serving on any of the bodies listed in Article V.A. must either be:
 1. A clergy member in good standing of the Louisiana Annual Conference (or its successor in the UMC). OR...
 2. A professing member of a United Methodist congregation located within the bounds of the Louisiana Annual Conference (or its successor in the UMC).
 3. In the case of a youth serving on these bodies they must be at least a baptized member of a local United Methodist congregation within the bounds of the Louisiana Annual Conference (or its successor in the UMC).
- C. The District Ministry Team
 1. The district ministry team shall fulfill the functions, as necessary, of the following:
 - a. Church and Society (See ¶ 662, 2016 BOD)
 - b. Ethnic Local Church Concerns (See ¶ 663, 2016 BOD)
 - c. Religion and Race (See ¶ 664, 2016 BOD)
 - d. Young Adult Ministries (See ¶ 665, 2016 BOD)
 - e. District Board of Laity (See ¶ 667, 2016 BOD)
 - f. Lay Servant Ministries (See ¶ 668, 2016 BOD)
 - g. Superintendency (See ¶ 669, 2016 BOD)
 - h. District Council on Youth Ministries (See ¶ 672, 2016 BOD)
 - i. District Board of Church Location and Building (See ¶ 2519, 2016 BOD)
 - j. Finance
 - k. Disaster Response
 - l. Children's Home Representative
 - m. Camping
 - n. Trustees

2. The DMT shall consist of at least 9 members but no more than 15, plus the District Superintendent and District Lay Leader. Both the DS and DLL shall have both voice and vote.
 3. The DMT may internally name individuals to serve as the primary points of contact for any of the bodies listed in V.C.1.a-n
 4. Members of the DMT who are not serving by virtue of office serve for 1 year at a time but may succeed themselves up to 3 additional years. After serving 4 consecutive years members must be off for at least 1 year before serving again.
 5. The District Lay Leader shall be elected by the DMT and will serve a 1 year term, up to a maximum of 4 consecutive years. They may serve as DLL again after a 1 year layout. This does not preclude them from serving in the district in a different capacity.
- D. District Committee on Ordained Ministry –
1. The DCOM shall be organized and function as described in the existent Book of Discipline, currently, ¶666, 2016 BOD.
- E. The District Nominating Committee
1. shall be Chaired by the District Superintendent
 2. shall be made up of:
 - a. 2 clergy and 3 laity to be named by the District Superintendent and District Lay Leader.
 - b. The DS and Lay Leader shall serve in addition to the 5 persons named above.
 - c. When nominating persons to serve on the DMT, or other positions, the Nominating Committee shall:
 - i. pay particular attention to the directions of ¶610.5, particularly: “...special attention shall be given to the inclusion of clergywomen, youth (¶ 256.3), young adults, older adults, persons from churches with small memberships, people with disabilities, and racial and ethnic persons...”
 - ii. pay particular attention to geographical diversity and inclusion.
- F. Any of the above-mentioned bodies may meet digitally (for example, but not exhaustively: via email, video platform, or similar digital process) with the same force and effect as an in-person meeting.

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES & HISTORY

The mission of the Conference Commission on Archives and History is to manage the historic records of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and its predecessor conferences. During 2023, our work with the Conference Archives at Centenary College of Louisiana included collecting, preserving, and making available the historic records of our conference.

Accomplishments and celebration of your work that contributed significantly to leading others into an abundant life in Christ; engaging communities, locally and globally; learning, living & telling the Gospel story; and reaching out and drawing people in from all walks of life resulting in vibrant, alive and vital congregations.

- Commission members Margaret Harmon and Chris Brown hosted two training workshops for church historians: First UMC of Lafayette on March 24, 2023 (5 attended), First UMC of Iowa on March 25, 2023 (3 attended).
- Commission added one new lay member (Denice Broussard).
- Commission member and Louisiana Conference archivist Chris Brown attended the General Commission on Archives and History visioning retreat held at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey (April 13-14) and the annual meeting held online (September 14-15).
- Conference Archives secured funding from Conference for part-time Centenary student workers to help process and catalog UMC material during summer 2023. Remaining funds will be applied to student work during summer 2024.

- Conference Archives answered 269 research requests using Louisiana UMC records. This included 20 requests from conference administrative staff and 17 requests from clergy.
- Conference Archives acquired 145 collections (172.25 linear feet) from Louisiana United Methodist churches, district offices, and individuals. This includes material from Antioch UMC (Eros, La.), Antioch UMC (Simsboro, La.), Asbury UMC (West Monroe, La.), Bartholomew UMC (Bastrop, La.), Beekman UMC (Beekman, La.), Benton UMC (Benton, La.), Bethel UMC (Deville, La.), Beulah UMC (Marthaville, La.), Boeuf Prairie UMC (Boeuf Prairie, La.), Brushwood UMC (Dubberly, La.), Bush UMC (Bush, La.), Caddo Heights UMC (Shreveport, La.), Centenary UMC (Franklinton, La.), Church of the Covenant UMC (Lafayette, La.), Claiborne UMC (West Monroe, La.), Clear Creek UMC (Clinton, La.), Colfax UMC (Colfax, La.), Cooper's Chapel UMC (Loranger, La.), Couley UMC (Couley, La.), Covenant UMC (Chalmette, La.), Crowville UMC (Crowville, La.), Darlington UMC (Chipola, La.), David Haas UMC (Bunkie, La.), Deerford UMC (Deerford, La.), Delhi UMC (Delhi, La.), DeQuincy UMC (DeQuincy, La.), Dulac Indian Mission (Dulac, La.), Ebenezer UMC (Ebenezer, La.), Fairview UMC (Lake Charles, La.), Faith Community UMC (Broussard, La.), First UMC (Coushatta, La.), First UMC (Leesville, La.), First UMC (Minden, La.), First UMC (New Iberia, La.), First UMC (Oak Grove, La.), First UMC (Plain Dealing, La.), First UMC (Shreveport, La.), First UMC (West Monroe, La.), First UMC (Winnsboro, La.), First UMC (Zwolle, La.), Fisher UMC (Richardson, La.), Fitzgerald UMC (Covington, La.), Gibsland UMC (Gibsland, La.), Gilbert UMC (Gilbert, La.), Grace UMC (Ruston, La.), Grand Cane UMC (Grand Cane, La.), Grand Chenier UMC (Grand Chenier, La.), Grayson UMC (Grayson, La.), Harrisonburg UMC (Harrisonburg, La.), Hayes Memorial MC (Iota, La.), Hebert UMC (Hebert, La.), Heflin UMC (Heflin, La.), Holly Grove UMC (Holly Grove, La.), Hornbeck UMC (Hornbeck, La.), Huff Chapel UMC (Killian, La.), Ida UMC (Ida, La.), Indian Bayou UMC (Indian Bayou, La.), Jennings UMC (Jennings, La.), Jonesboro-Hodge UMC (Jackson Parish, La.), Kentwood UMC (Kentwood, La.), Kilbourne UMC (Kilbourne, La.), Lakeview UMC (Minden, La.), Lea Joyner Memorial UMC (Monroe, La.), Legacy UMC (Haughton, La.), Liberty Chapel UMC (Williana, La.), Live Oak UMC (Watson, La.), Livingston UMC (Livingston, La.), Locust Grove UMC (West Carroll Parish, La.), Loranger UMC (Loranger, La.), Louisiana United Methodist Cursillo, Lydia UMC (Lydia, La.), Mangham UMC (Mangham, La.), Marksville UMC (Marksville, La.), McGuire UMC (West Monroe, La.), Melville UMC (Melville, La.), Memorial UMC (Bastrop, La.), Memorial UMC (Simsboro, La.), Montpelier UMC (Montpelier, La.), Moss Bluff MC (Moss Bluff, La.), Mount Hermon UMC (Mount Hermon, La.), Mount Vernon UMC (Gray, La.), Mount Zion UMC (Calhoun, La.), Munholland UMC (Metairie, La.), Newellton Union UMC (Newellton, La.), NewSong UMC (Prairieville, La.), Nolley Memorial UMC (Jena, La.), North Cross UMC (Madisonville, La.), Oak Grove UMC (Gibsland, La.), Palestine UMC (Ball, La.), Palmetto UMC (Palmetto, La.), Pearl River UMC (Pearl River, La.), Pecan Island UMC (Pecan Island, La.), Pendleton Memorial Methodist Hospital (New Orleans, La.), Pine Grove UMC (Minden, La.), Pine Grove UMC (Pine Grove, La.), Pine Ridge UMC (Saint Helena Parish, La.), Pleasant Hill UMC (Pleasant Hill, La.), Pollock UMC (Pollock, La.), Provencal UMC (Provencal, La.), Quitman UMC (Quitman, La.), Rayville UMC (Rayville, La.), Refuge UMC (Monroe, La.), Reily Memorial UMC (Collinston, La.), Roanoke UMC (Roanoke, La.), Saint Mark UMC (Alexandria, La.), Saint Mark's UMC (Monroe, La.), Saint Timothy on the Northshore UMC (Mandeville, La.), Sevier Memorial UMC (Ferriday, La.), Sicily Island UMC (Sicily Island, La.), Springhill UMC (Springhill, La.), Sun UMC (Sun, La.), Sweetlake UMC (Bell City, La.), Trinity UMC (Buras, La.), Trinity UMC (Ruston, La.), Union UMC (Charlottesville, La.), Urania UMC (Urania, La.), Varnado UMC (Varnado, La.), Vidalia UMC (Vidalia, La.), Vivian UMC (Vivian, La.), Waldheim UMC (Waldheim, La.), Welsh Memorial UMC (Vinton, La.), Wesley Chapel UMC (Coushatta, La.), Wesley Chapel UMC (Greensburg, La.), Wesley Chapel UMC (Ponchatoula, La.), Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State University (Natchitoches, La.), White's Chapel UMC (Augusta, La.), Wisner UMC (Wisner, La.), Woodlawn UMC (West Monroe, La.), Alexandria District Office, Lake Charles - Acadiana District Office, Monroe - Shreveport District Office, New Orleans District Office, and the Louisiana Conference Church Extension Office. Also included are the Gretchen Elston Benner photograph album, Kathryn Sue Bostick Caskey collection, and Hubert A. Gibbs papers.
- Conference Archives processed and created online finding aids for 40 collections (27.25 linear feet). This includes records from Antioch UMC (Antioch, La.) 1917-2022, Barksdale UMC (Bossier City, La.) 1953-2022, Bartholomew UMC (Morehouse Parish, La.) 1847-2021, Belcher

UMC (Belcher, La.) 1900-2003, Bethel UMC (Deville, La.) 1940-2022, Boeuf Prairie UMC (Fort Necessity, La.) 1847-2022, Chatham and Claiborne Charges MC (Jackson Parish, La.) 1941-1944, Clear Creek UMC (Clinton, La.) 1913-2022, Colfax UMC (Colfax, La.) 1927-2022, Cooper's Chapel UMC (Loranger, La.) 1951-2022, Crew Lake UMC (Start, La.) 1954-2022, Crowville UMC (Crowville, La.) 1962-2023, Delhi UMC (Delhi, La.) 1927-2019, First UMC (Campti, La.) 1898-2008, First UMC (Coushatta, La.) 1882-2022, First UMC (Houma, La.) 1907-1994, Grand Isle UMC (Grand Isle, La.) 1956-2013, Haynesville UMC (Haynesville, La.) 1960-2019, Indian Bayou UMC (Indian Bayou, La.) 1919-2021, Jefferson UMC (Jefferson, La.) records, Lacombe UMC (Lacombe, La.) 1927-2008, Liberty Chapel UMC (Williana, La.) 1887-2004, Lockport MC (Lockport, La.) 1929-1966, Memorial UMC (Simsboro, La.) 1948-2023, Pharr Chapel UMC (Morgan City, La.) 1876-1975, Pine Grove UMC (Minden, La.) 1890-2020, Pioneer UMC (Pioneer, La.) 1928-2018, Pleasant Hill UMC (Pleasant Hill, La.) 1966-2014, Rayville UMC (Rayville, La.), 1858-2023, Ruston MECS (Ruston, La.) 1885-1926, Saint James UMC (Hahnville, La.) 1873-2014, Saint James UMC (Marrero, La.) 1954-1995, Simsboro UMC (Simsboro, La.) 1948-1985, Union UMC (Charlottesville, La.) 1979-2023, Urania UMC (Urania, La.) 1955-2014, Welsh Memorial UMC (Vinton, La.) 1987-2022, Wesley Chapel UMC (Aycock, La.) 1946-2022, Wesley Chapel UMC (Ruston, La.) 1918-2022, Wesley UMC (Coushatta, La.) 1992-2022, White's Chapel UMC (Augusta, La.) 1878-2022.

- Conference Archives completed its third full year with ArchivesSpace, an information management application to manage and provide online access to inventories of Louisiana Conference and Centenary College archival collections. Annual cost split between Commission and Centenary Archives.
- Conference Archives continued updating an online map with locations and GPS coordinates of all current and former UM churches in the Louisiana Conference and its predecessor denominations. Map currently identifies 704 churches.
- Note: above three projects accessible online at www.centenary.edu/campus-community/archives/louisianamethodist/

Measurable goals for the coming year and how they contribute to our preferred future

- Create online video tutorials about archival research as well as maintaining local church archives. Desired outcome: videos will provide how-to instructions for researchers and local church historians.
- Work with Conference to promote United Methodist Heritage Sunday observed in May. Desired outcome: share resources developed by General Commission on Archives and History on 2024 theme "Rooted and Grounded in Love."
- Collect records of disaffiliating UMC congregations and transfer to the Louisiana Conference Archives. Follow guidelines provided by UMC General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH): "Any local church records, clergy records, or records of an annual conference up until the point of disaffiliation are the property of the annual conference of the UMC. These records should be treated as closed church records and preserved accordingly. Official records (see Annual Conference Guidelines for examples and retention schedule), up until the point of disaffiliation, shall be maintained by the annual conference archives of the UMC. These can be copied, scanned, or generally made accessible as needed for the disaffiliated church or annual conference to make use of and/or to begin their own annual conference repository" Email from Mark Shenise (Associate Archivist of GCAH), September 16, 2022.
- Work with Conference to have congregations' charge conference reports include paperwork that updates information in the Conference Historical Register. Desired outcome: updated Historical Register will reflect current information and include congregations founded since 2004.
- Conference Archives selected to serve as test participant in GCAH's Virtual Circuit Rider Project. Desired outcome: test out computer equipment/software and provide feedback to develop centralized digital repository for all of the conference archives and GCAH.
- Conference Archives to continue updating content management system and online catalog, ArchivesSpace. Desired outcomes: 1) archives staff efficiently manage description of collections and create online inventories to collections, 2) researchers can access online inventories.

- Conference Archives to continue prioritizing and cataloging unprocessed Louisiana UMC records. Desired outcome: processed archival collections with online finding aids to assist researchers and archives staff.
- Conference Archives to continue updating online map identifying the location and GPS coordinates of all current and former UM churches in the Louisiana Conference and its predecessor denominations. Desired outcome: interactive resource for archives staff and researchers.
- Remind leaders of our churches that our Commission has provided helpful resources designed to help you and your Local Church Historian properly manage the historical records of your local church. Go to the webpages of the Louisiana Conference Commission on Archives and History <https://www.la-umc.org/homepagecommissiononarchivesandhistory>. In order to find information about your church in past conference journals go to www.centenary.edu/campus-community/archives/louisianamethodist/. Desired outcome: provide tools to follow recommended guidelines to manage historic records of local churches.

Concerns and challenges facing your work/ministry area

- Commission submitted resolution in January 2023 requesting Louisiana Conference assign two clergy members whose terms shall begin in 2023. As of March 2024, no clergy members have yet been appointed to commission.
- During disaffiliation process that started in 2022, some churches did not transfer their records to the Conference Archives.
- Ensure pastors know they are responsible for working with a local church historian to guarantee that church records are appropriately maintained. Church records are defined in the GCAH *Guidelines for Managing Records of the Local Church*. This document specifies the varying lengths of time that records are to be maintained by local churches. Some church records must be retained permanently. Pastors are encouraged to appoint a Local Church Historian (§247.5a&b *Book of Discipline*) and a Membership Secretary to help with the duties and responsibilities of a solid records management program. The Church Historian duties appear in the GCAH Guidelines.
- Encourage church officers to keep accurate church records and, with the Local Church Historian, preserve all specified records and historical materials no longer in current use.
- Encourage churches to appoint a Local Church Historian and Congregational Committee on Records and History. They are in charge of preserving your church's historical records and material. They are also the point people in the annual observance of Heritage Sunday and the celebration of significant anniversaries. Encourage local church historians to engage the congregation's younger members and document their activities.

Items for action/vote by the Annual Conference

- None

Lueburda Jamison Myers, Chair

COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

The Commission on Equitable Compensation provides resources to the appointive cabinet to augment the compensation of a pastor deemed a good match for a continued missional appointment, yet not having the complete resources to fully support the pastor. The Book of Discipline states that the primary responsibility for payment of pastoral salaries remains with individual pastoral charges (see ¶ 624, The Book of Discipline, 2016). In addition, the Annual Conference provides a program of support for the ministers (not the individual churches) to assure them a livable level of financial support when serving a full-time appointment. No equitable compensation grants for salaries have been requested as of this date. Two equitable compensation grants were issued in 2023 in accordance with the supplemental moving reimbursement policy listed below. These grants totaled \$3,141.57.

Below you will find rates for Equitable Compensation Grants for 2024, as well as our conference policy on grants supplementing moving expenses.

Equitable Compensation Grants:

The minister's conference relationship sets the Equitable Compensation she/he is eligible to receive, and any changes in Conference relationship during the year will change eligibility. The formula rate for full time is 60% of the lower of the Denominational Average Compensation (DAC) or Conference Average Compensation (CAC) each year. Rates for 2024 are as follows:

2024 Full-Time Amount will be \$46,975 (60% of the DAC of \$78,292)
 Conference Relationship Full Time Compensation Applied % EC Base
 Elder \$46,975 104% \$48,854
 Associate Member \$46,975 103% \$48,384
 Provisional Elder \$46,975 102% \$47,915
 Full-time Local Pastor \$46,975 100% \$46,975

Moving Expense Policy of the Louisiana Annual Conference (Effective January 1, 2018)

The appointment of clergy by the presiding Bishop within the bounds of the Louisiana Annual Conference is part of our connexional life. The costs of moving full-time clergy are a burden shared by the clergy and churches. This policy adopted by the Annual Conference of 2017 states the responsibility of various parties in a move. It is a policy of reimbursement of expenses incurred by the clergy person in making the move to a new appointment.

Eligibility for Reimbursement of Moving Expenses

- Full Elder serving full time who is moving to another full-time appointment
- Provisional elder serving full-time who is moving to another full-time appointment
- Associate Member serving full-time who is moving to another full-time appointment
- Full Time Local Pastor serving full-time who is moving to another full-time appointment
- An individual completing his/her seminary education who will be commissioned as a Provisional Elder and appointed to serve in a full-time appointment

Maximum Amount of Moving Expense Reimbursement

The maximum amount of reimbursable moving expense is \$6,000.

Eligible Reimbursable Moving Expenses

- Supplies for packing items (boxes, tape, packing material)
- Rental of truck, dolly, blankets OR the costs of a moving company
- Fees paid to non-related packers or non-related individuals to load and unload a rented truck
- One month's rental of a pod or storage unit not to exceed 10 ft. x 20 ft.
- Gas purchased for a rental moving truck, if utilized
- One night stay on the road and one meal on the road for family members moving with the clergy person from the last appointment location to the new location
- Mileage at the IRS moving rate (21 cents per mile for 2024) between the present appointment location and the new location for one vehicle.

Who Reimburses the Expense:

The receiving church reimburses the clergy person for the allowed moving expenses in most instances. A church should budget \$2,000 per year for moving until a sum of \$6,000 has been accumulated in a designated fund to be used for this expense. If a church did not request a move and the present full-time clergy person has been there less than three years, then the reimbursement of the clergy person is divided as follows:

(1) Present clergy person has been there one year

- a. the church reimburses 1/3 of the expense up to \$2,000
- b. The Annual Conference through Equitable Compensation funds reimburses 2/3 of the expense up to \$4,000

(2) Present clergy person has been there two years

- a. The church reimburses 2/3 of the expense up to \$4,000

b. The Annual Conference through Equitable Compensation funds reimburses 1/3 of the expense up to \$2,000

If a church has not had a full-time clergy person and is receiving one for the first time, the church is responsible for the entire reimbursement amount.

Rev. JoAnne Pounds, Chair

CONFERENCE DELEGATION

The Louisiana Conference Delegation attended the postponed 2020 General Conference in Charlotte, NC from April 23 – May 3, 2024, and acted on 1,099 pieces of legislation. While there is no way to summarize all the legislation in a brief report, here are a few highlights:

- A budget was adopted that represented a reduction in General Church spending by some 40%
- The number of bishops in the US was reduced from 39 to 32, while the number of bishops in Africa was increased by 2
- A new and more sustainable pension plan for clergy, called Compass, was adopted
- Delegates voted to extend sacramental authority (Holy Communion and Baptism) to deacons when contextually appropriate
- Revised Social Principles were adopted which offer guidance on faithful living in today's world
- All restrictive language pertaining to same-gender marriage and ordination of persons in same-gender relationships was removed
- Three items that require Constitutional Amendments will come before Annual Conferences in 2025:
 1. One adds stronger anti-racism language to Article V: Racial Justice
 2. Another adds the words "gender and ability" to Article IV: Inclusiveness of The Church
 3. The third is the Worldwide Regionalization Plan, which creates regional areas which, while holding to essential doctrinal and connectional standards, may make other context-specific ministry decisions for their region.

The resolution below related to Worldwide Regionalization is presented for your consideration at the Annual Conference. Adopting this resolution will allow us the opportunity, as a body, to demonstrate our commitment to this effort to educate ourselves and our congregations, as we prepare to vote in 2025. The Louisiana Delegation overwhelmingly supports the spirit of this resolution and stands ready to support The Council of Bishops as they offer resources to aid Annual Conferences in education and conversations in the coming year.

Worldwide Regionalization: Expressing Gratitude and Commitment to Next Steps

A resolution submitted to the 2024 Louisiana Annual Conference

Whereas, we value a global United Methodist connection and wish for each region of the worldwide Church a structure that supports relevant and vibrant ministry, and

Whereas, we value the opportunity to restructure the UMC in ways that decolonize both polity and relationships, and

Whereas, we value the opportunity to restructure the UMC rooted in equity and respectful of missional context, and

Whereas, we value the example shared by the Apostle Paul, who established churches in diverse regions with shared beliefs alongside local and regional differences in structure, worship, and style best suited to particular contexts; and

Whereas, we are grateful to the many leaders around the globe who collaborated to provide a path to worldwide regionalization, and

Whereas, a shift to worldwide regionalization amends our UM Book of Discipline in ways that deserve high levels of support and command a two-step voting process, and

Whereas, the Louisiana Annual Conference delegates to General Conference held in 2024 worked faithfully alongside others in the United Methodist connection to help us take the first required step in the overall decision-making process,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Louisiana Annual Conference receives with joy the adoption of Worldwide Regionalization by the General Conference and accepts the responsibility of taking the important next steps necessary to complete the decision-making process.

Be it further resolved that the Louisiana Annual Conference commits to providing and participating in a variety of educational opportunities throughout the conference, over the next calendar year, ensuring that we are fully informed and prepared to engage in the final step of a ratification vote at Annual Conference in 2025.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rev. Katie McKay Simpson, clergy delegate
University United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge
[on behalf of the Louisiana Annual Conference delegation to the 2024 General Conference]

On behalf of the entire delegation, I want to express gratitude for allowing us to represent the Louisiana Conference in this important work. We love the United Methodist Church and our conference, so we do not take this responsibility lightly. For more information on the decisions made at General Conference, explore this helpful list of resources created by the Office of Clergy Excellence: <https://bit.ly/GenConDec>

Rev. Brady Whitton, Chair

CONFERENCE MINISTRY ASSESSMENT TEAM

The Conference Ministry Assessment Team met on May 8, 2024 to review and discuss the Organizational Review Report provided by Dr. John Wimberly. The team identified the following:

1. Impact of Covid 19 and Disaffiliation on work of Assessment Team, and functioning of the Conference during the last quadrennium
2. Difficulty of doing an accurate assessment of conference effectiveness over the past few years
3. Overlap of responsibilities with other ministry teams in the conference
4. Need of clarity in role of assessment team and focused attention and investment in the following ministry areas: Congregational Vitality (with focus on Black Church Vitality), lay and clergy leadership development, and communication.

The Team recommends the following:

1. Formation of Strategic Implementation Team to work with Cabinet and develop a more realistic organizational structure proposal to be presented to the Conference for review and approval in 2025.

2. Contract with the General Council on Finance and Administrations (GCFA) to perform a complete organizational and staffing review to include HR policies and procedures, job descriptions, and alignment with mission and ministry priorities.
3. Give increased focus to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the development of a new organizational and staffing structure.
4. Provide quarterly updates to Ministry Assessment Team as work of the Strategic Implementation Team progresses.

Team members: Rev. Jessica Lowe, Mr. Henry Stamper, Rev. Katie Black, Mrs. Marjorie Franklin, Mrs. Kay Wilkins

The following are the reports from Dr. John Wimberly, Consultant

CONTEXT, METHODOLOGY, AND FOCUS GROUP RESULTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

**For the Louisiana United
Methodist Conference**

John Wimberly Consultant
February 2024

Context

Like all Conferences in the United Methodist Church today, the Louisiana Conference is looking forward to a vastly different future from forty years or even ten years ago. Many things have changed to alter dramatically the realities of ministry for the LUMC:

1. A recent schism within the UMC has led to a significant number of congregations disaffiliating from the denomination. The “season of disaffiliation” generated anger, frustration, and grief. Wounds are healing. But they certainly are not totally healed. The schism means less congregations, members, clergy, and financial support for the Conference. On a positive note, however, it has transformed the Conference demographically to a place today where 44% of its membership consists of African American members. This type of diversity clearly leads to some opportunities for church growth, since today’s younger generations (52% of the US population) love and gravitate toward diverse organizations.
2. The post-Covid religious world has usually meant significantly lower worship attendance for most congregations across the U.S. It also means that many congregations are live-streaming services. The smaller live worship attendance is generally viewed as a negative by long-time church members. However, it also creates tech-based evangelism opportunities that are just beginning to be explored.
3. The U.S. culture has developed a profound suspicion of all institutions. Denominations and congregations are institutions. How does the church embrace an appropriate suspicion of institutions yet live beyond suspicion into a new, transparent, entrepreneurial approach to ministry?
4. All churches, but especially the mainline denominations, have memberships that are, in contrast to the U.S. population, disproportionately older members. In his work nationally, the consultant keeps hearing older members dismiss the possibility of attracting millennials and GenZers to their congregations. This feels like institutional suicide. It also feels like nonsense. The two youngest generations are immune to the truth of the Gospel? The Gospel is as relevant to younger generations as it has been to older generations. If the church does not focus on attracting the younger generations, there will be very few congregations that survive the impending disappearance of the boomer generation.
5. The Louisiana Conference, like most mainline judicatories, has an organizational structure rooted in 20th Century realities. It needs to downsize the overall number of Boards and committees, make the remaining Boards and committees smaller (an abundance of research reveals that 9 is the maximum number for optimal decision-making) move to a team-driven organization (currently best practice for business, non-profits and other organizations), and employ performance metrics and timelines to bring more accountability into the system.

Methodology

After interviewing each Conference staff person individually, the consultant conducted twelve focus groups. The focus groups were open to all members of the Conference. More than one hundred individuals attended.

Using the information gleaned from the staff interviews and focus groups, the consultant has applied his knowledge of best practices for church and other organizations in the 21st Century. The result

is a report in which recommendations are made as to how the Conference can align its mission and message with its vision for ministry.

Focus Groups

A unanimous theme throughout the focus groups was enthusiasm and appreciation for the energy and vision Bishop Williamston is bringing to the Conference. At a time when many were feeling despondent about the future, she has reenergized people and generated hope for good things to come. The importance of this hope and energy cannot be overstated. By engaging the Conference in a visioning process, she is also creating clarity of purpose, one of the single most important things for any organization's success.

Members of the Conference are very appreciative of the connections they have with one another and the support they give and receive from their colleagues in ministry, clergy, and laity alike. The Consultant notes that this is not something he hears when working in other mainline denominations. It is something to be treasured.

There is also anxiety that these precious connections will be diminished if the Conference is subsumed into a larger, merged Conference. Having worked with Great Plains Conference when they merged three Conferences into one, the consultant has heard this before and seen strategies initiated to ensure the connections in a new larger Conference. The key is intentionality. If the Conference is reconfigured into a larger entity, there must be intentional strategies to keep people and congregations connected to one another and the new Conference. Specifically, numerous people said there need to be more retreats bringing people together (a small team could do this, not a conference staff person). These retreats need to happen no matter how the Conference is configured in the future.

There was a fascinating and not uncommon inconsistency about Conference finances. On the one hand, focus group members repeatedly said that they understand that finances are limited. This inevitably led to requests that apportionments be reduced. Of course, this would lead to finances being even more crunched at the Conference level.

On the other hand, there were many comments about the Conference having an abundance of financial resources when the Foundation's assets are brought into the discussion. There was considerable discussion as to whether the Foundation's assets are being appropriately leveraged to support ministries at the local level.

A similar lack of consistency centered on apportionments. The focus group participants had lots of requests for additional help from the Conference. People want expanded services from the Conference in the areas of youth, campus, evangelism, and community ministry. Offering increased services could mean higher apportionments if they required staff. However, participants also want apportionments to drop. Obviously, the Conference cannot give additional help without additional financial costs.

There was a great deal of discussion about "trust." The disaffiliation process diminished trust in general as well as trust in specific people, e.g., clergy who led their congregations out of the denomination. Intentional efforts to rebuild trust up/down and across the Conference were requested.

Some specific ministries were raised repeatedly as topics:

- Youth and campus ministries are widely viewed as a key to the future of the church. There is disappointment that both seem to be struggling today.

- Clergy and laity alike want more training. The laity, in particular, realize that with a reduced number of clergy available for congregational positions, they will be called on to provide more leadership. They want training to help them fill the leadership vacuum.
- Participants were excited about expanding local mission efforts. They realize that a key to congregational health is a more external orientation toward the communities in which they are located.
- Many clergy and laity alike, in rural churches, said that their small churches appear to be a low priority from the Conference.
- At times, communications from the Cabinet can seem harsh. There is a perception that some important things are kept secret. One participant suggested that while some information needs to be kept confidential, such as personnel matters, almost everything else should be transparent. Differentiating between the two would be a good planning exercise.
- Participants stressed that the disaffiliation process is not finished. They cited members in their congregations or congregations where the vote was close to stay as targets for those pulling away from the United Methodist Church. The participants want very strong, aggressive, clear messaging from the Conference as to why people and congregations should remain in the UMC. Some said they did not feel this happened over the past two years.

Finally, many participants view the Conference as a “gatekeeper” that is inclined to say “no” rather than “yes” to new ideas. In successful entrepreneurial organizations, the default is usually “yes” unless there are good reasons to say “no,” e.g., finances, lack of personnel with the needed expertise, etc. Creating a culture where “yes” is the default position for new initiatives is worthy of strong consideration.

Decision Making

Transparency

A frequent concern expressed in focus groups can be summarized as follows: “We don’t know who made a particular decision or why it was made.” Fair or not, this is the perception among a significant number of Conference clergy and laity. The consultant saw no evidence that such a lack of transparency was malevolent. As a result, it seems to be a resolvable communication/administrative issue.

The Consultant recommends that whenever decisions are made, they be communicated in the following format:

1. Describe the problem or issue a particular decision being addressed.
2. Describe the decision, the date it was made, when it will be effective.
3. Describe the rationale for the decision.
4. Name the body and members of the body making the decision.

If this format is followed, people may not like a particular decision. But we eliminate the complaints that there is a lack of transparency in Conference decision-making.

Smaller is Better

While some believe that having large committees, boards, agencies, task forces, etc. produces a more representative group, the research does not support such a claim. One can have a group of nine that is as representative as a group of fifteen, if one does it right. People also mistakenly think it is good to have people serve on a board who represent other entities or groups. It is not. They will be more interested in representing their constituency than thinking strategically about the good of the entire Conference. As an example from the local church, some congregations will put on their governing board a person from the Christian education committee, another from the mission committee, etc. This leads to board members defending their turf, not thinking about the good of the whole organization.

The 2023 Report of the Nominating Committee to the Annual Conference was twenty pages long. Wow! Obviously, the list includes all the bodies including the boards of camps, conference centers, children, and family services, etc. But take out those governing boards and the number involved in governance and administration is way, way too large for a conference of Louisiana's size. Seventy percent of the Conference's congregations have worship attendance under forty. How can these churches be expected to help staff the Conference's large Board and Committee structure?

It would be beyond the consultant's knowledge to propose a new organizational chart. That is the job for Conference members. But a new organization needs to be shaped around a couple of key principles:

- **Function** Some boards and committees are mandated by The Book of Discipline. But the size of those mandated entities is not defined. Make them as small as possible to carry out their function. All non-mandated groups should be organized around a function---creating lay leadership training, campus ministry, etc. consisting of people with proven expertise in the team's assigned area of work.
- **Representative** The key is not representing other entities in the Conference. The key is making sure Boards, committees, and teams, as a whole, represent the racial, gender, regional, theological, economic and other types of demographic diversity in the Conference and Louisiana as a whole. Obviously, no one entity will represent all the categories. But the overall number of people serving on entities should represent that diversity.
- **Teams** Teams are not committees with a different name. Teams are small (usually no more than nine, some as small as 3-5 team members) groups of people who are assigned specific tasks to accomplish. They do not meet the third Thursday of every month whether they need to or not. They meet to get a specific job done. They are outcome, not process oriented. Teams are the preferred way of doing work by the younger two generations. If we want them to become involved in the church's work, we need to invite them to join a team.
- **Metrics and Timelines** All church organizations and entities are reluctant to set metrics and timelines for their work, even though Jesus had clear metrics for his disciples. A new Louisiana Conference organizational culture cannot simply be a new set of governing and ministry committees and boards. It needs to be performance oriented. If it is not, more and more people will refuse to serve. For many people, time is more valuable than money. If we can show our volunteers that they are accomplishing things, using metrics and timelines, they will jump at the chance to serve.

Strategic Guidance Team

There is no “group strategic brain” in the Conference as currently organized. The Cabinet has too many assigned duties to play this role. The consultant strongly recommends creating a group of approximately nine members who will think strategically about the present and future. They will be leaders of the strategic plan, seeing what is succeeding, what is failing. They will modify the plan as strategies succeed or fail, new issues emerge, etc. Without such a group, the Conference will continue to be overly reactive rather than strategically proactive. The name of the group is not as important as the existence of a group whose primary task is to manage progress on implementing the Conference’s vision.

Recommendation: Dramatically reduce the size of the Conference’s structure by 1) only having mandated Boards and Committees and make them smaller. All other groups should be trained as teams. Use teams and give them metrics and timelines for work completed.

Recommendation: Create a strategic advisory board to manage the strategic vision and strategies from a macro perspective

Finances

Church organizations oftentimes have a significant “rainy day” fund for emergencies. The consultant and many others believe it is currently pouring rain! To re-energize and re-direct ministries, money will need to be taken from savings and investments. This is a huge strategic decision that needs to be discussed until a consensus is agreed upon. Since the consultant is a financial conservative, this is a hard recommendation to make. But this is no time to sit on funds. In the business world, there is an expression that one needs to spend money to make money. In our church world, the equivalent is that we need to invest money in growth opportunities if we are going to grow.

Recommendation: Go into financial reserves to do the things the Conference needs to do to build a vital future.

Other Recommendations

Macro vs Micromanagement

Too often, Conference staff feel compelled to report micro, routine decisions to Boards and Committees where their decisions are rehashed, modified and/or approved. The consultant heard this from staff as well as members of various Boards and Committees who wondered why they were spending time on micro, not macro, issues.

We hire skilled staff people for a reason. They are supposed to make decisions and do work for us. When we micromanage them, we destroy that arrangement. As their decisions are criticized or extensively modified, staff, inevitably and understandably, tend to take a defensive, reaction approach rather than proactive approach to problems.

Along with the need to downsize the overall governance structure, this may be the single most important culture change issue in the Louisiana Conference that needs to be remedied. No productive non-profit or for-profit Board would get involved in micro decisions the way things seem to happen in the Louisiana Conference and too many other church bodies. Good boards set policies so staff know when to come to a Board for approval and when they can make decisions on their own without being second-guessed. The times when they require Board approval should only be for major things.

Paradoxically, less decision-making by boards is better than more. The more decisions a board is making, the more it is surely micromanaging. Good boards hire trustworthy staff and then trust them!

Good board training is required for Boards to understand their roles versus the roles of staff and others. Staff will feel empowered to make decisions without fear of being second-guessed. Boards will know that staff will come to them only with appropriate, larger matters.

Recommendation: Boards and major committees need to spend time being trained in best practices for Boards in the 21st Century. The training should result in these groups having clear expectations for when staff should check in and when they are authorized to make decisions on their own.

Communications

There is an old, true saying that if one does not have a strategy, one does not have a strategy. The communications ministry needs to develop a strategy as part of the Conference's larger vision and goals. Currently, communications are focused on internal communication. There needs to be an equal emphasis on communicating with the communities in which congregations are located.

The internal communications strategy needs to involve reimagining the website. The focus groups and even some staff said it is very difficult to find the information they need and want. Working with a skilled website designer, this problem can be resolved fairly easily. A short training video for first-time visitors, explaining how the website is organized, might be helpful.

Given the large number of requests for training information, training videos should probably be a main focus of the website. In many instances, this may be as simple as links to training materials developed by other Conferences or even other denominations. There is no need to reinvent the wheel.

Externally, the conference needs to build its brand (whatever the desired brand turns out to be) in Louisiana. For example, as Disaster Relief ministries are further developed and/or expanded, getting the information into the community is essential. This can be done through social or traditional media. But it needs to be done.

The communications staff must be empowered to say "no" to requests that fall outside the ministry area's strategic plan. When they say "no," others on the Conference staff need to support them. Good staff members don't say to those who question staff members, "I don't know anything about it. Ask her/him." They say, "She is expert at her job. If that is her decision, it must be the right one."

Recommendation: Create a written strategic plan for communications. The plan should include strategies for internal and external communications. Place the plan on a redesigned Conference website along with the rest of the strategic plan.

Church Vitality and Support

We are not in the 20th Century when it comes to church growth. "Of course!" people respond. But, too often, strategies for church growth remain like those used in the last half of the 20th Century. It is time to experiment with new strategies in this area. Some things will work; some will fail. Failure cannot be seen as disaster or wasted effort/money. In science, a failed experiment is viewed as successfully eliminating one option for a solution. It is viewed as progress. The same is true of reinventing ministry in the 21st Century. We will make progress as we learn from our failures.

The consultant was impressed with the skill sets and hands-on approaches of the two staff members currently working in this area. Getting into the field is essential to understanding the opportunities and challenges. Both staff members understand this fact. The consultant understands that it is not financially viable to increase the size of the staff at this point in time. However, in the future, he recommends serious consideration to increasing the hours of both staff members because this area of ministry is time intensive. If one wants impact, one needs to pay for impact.

Recommendation: Do not be afraid of failure. Being creative and innovative means some things will work; some won't.

Recommendation: In the future, when financial resources are available, increase the staff devoted to Church Vitality Strategist and the Black Church Vitality Strategist.

Youth and Campus Ministry

As one millennial told the consultant recently, "Our inattention to youth and campus ministry in the UMC is organizational suicide." Indeed. The number of clergy currently serving in the UMC who went through both youth and campus ministries is inspiring. But youth and campus ministry are more than a pipeline to ordination. They develop and support young people, helping them to grow into spiritually mature adults.

The question becomes: what can a Conference legitimately do in these two areas? It is a key issue since youth and campus ministry are done, for the most part, at the grassroots. That said, there are several key functions for a Conference in enabling and empowering youth and campus ministry.

- Organize Conference-wide retreats. Retreats allow congregations with few youths to send their young people to a church event where they experience the wider Church. No one is better placed to organize such retreats than a Conference.
- Support those leading youth ministries at the grassroots. Training, pulling together youth ministers (ordained and lay) for retreats, and financial grants are all straightforward approaches.
- Financially support campus ministries. The use of Foundation resources for this purpose should be considered. Another option is a capital campaign for campus ministry to create a solid financial base. Recruit inspired, passionate lay and clergy to serve on campus ministry boards. Put high quality clergy in campus ministry positions. Clarify relationships between campus ministries, local congregations, districts, and the Conference office.

Recommendation: Create a team of clergy and lay people who are experts at doing youth ministry. Empower them (financially and organizationally) to create dynamic retreats and other Conference wide events for youth.

Recommendation: Create a team of people knowledgeable about campus life to design a strategy for Conference campus ministry. This may involve difficult but necessary prioritizing of some campus ministries at the expense of others.

Finance, Administration and Property

The Finance and Administration areas seem to work well as currently designed. The major glitch is the lack of digitalized files and information. Getting everything digitalized and on the cloud is an absolute "must-do in the 21st Century. In a state where natural disasters are not uncommon, having paper records that can be destroyed in a natural disaster is an accident waiting to happen.

This is an area where teams can simplify and be more productive in doing the work. Several examples:

- A legal team made up of quality lay people (lawyers mostly), vetted and appointed by the Bishop in consultation with the Conference, can work with the Bishop and Director of Finance and Administration with an “on-call” approach. This will reduce expenses and be more responsive to staff and Board needs. This team would be a sub-group reporting to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees should empower the team to give legal advice without having to check in on routine matters. The Trustees can detail the issues where they do want to be consulted prior to decisions.
- A property team can save the Conference a lot of money. The Conference has spent more than \$100,000 annually each of the last two years on closed church expenses. A closer look would probably result in a significantly higher amount spent. The Conference needs a team (probably three members is sufficient) of lay people who are experienced in real estate to make recommendations regarding churches that have been closed. These people will need property data for all closed and active churches to be gathered into a digital space for easy access. Currently, the data is, at best, only at the District level, and, at worst, only at the congregational level. The Conference should create general policies about when to close churches, when to keep or dispose of the property of a closed church, etc. A lack of policies leads to a lack of uniformity in decision-making which, inevitably, angers those impacted by the decisions. Like the legal team, this group might be a sub-group of the Trustees, empowered to act on their behalf.
- A small team to work with the Communications staff to disseminate financial information. In today’s culture, a lack of transparency leads to a lack of trust. This team can make sure people know everything that is not confidential for a good reason. The team can develop strategies regarding how, when and to whom financial information is disseminated. The resulting policies should be made public.

The areas of finance and administration are always prone to be micromanaged at the congregational and Conference level. As mentioned earlier, this is a counter-productive approach which leads to a lack of trust by everyone involved.

Recommendation: Digitalize all records throughout the Conference and store them on the cloud.

Recommendation: Create an on-call legal team, appointed by the Bishop, to make recommendations on legal issues.

Recommendation: Create a property team to centralize property records and handle all matters related to churches that have been closed (not which churches will be closed).

Recommendation: Create a team to develop strategies and policies for the communication of financial information.

Clergy Excellence

This area of the Conference’s ministry seems to be developing in positive ways. There is attention to two major issues: 1) clergy well-being and 2) the ordination pipeline. On the latter, work needs to continue to make sure every District has the same standards in the ordination process.

Clergy well-being includes not only paying attention to the mental and physical health of clergy. It also needs to include accountability standards for the productivity of clergy. The consultant finds the church, across all denominations, reluctant to hold clergy accountable for dysfunctional and/or unproductive work. This failure has, literally, bankrupted many Roman Catholic dioceses in the U.S. In the mainline churches, it has led to dysfunctional clergy being moved from one church to another, causing their churches to suffer from dysfunctional pastoral leadership.

At a time when there is a clergy shortage, it is tempting for denominations to avoid weeding out the dysfunctional clergy. But the damage being done to congregations and their members by these leaders is even more devastating. Empowering the clergy excellence area of ministry in Louisiana to create options for the Conference to consider regarding how to deal with dysfunctional and historically unproductive clergy would be a cutting-edge move.

Concurrent with such a move is the need to increase resources for supporting and empowering healthy and burned-out pastors. Current strategies of clergy retreats, free continuing education, etc. are excellent steps in that direction.

Recommendation: Develop strategies to deal with dysfunctional clergy and support healthy clergy.

Missional Engagement

If the Conference is to attract millennials and GenZers, it needs to have an aggressive effort to be a change agent in local communities. While some might want a staff person working in this area of ministry, the consultant believes that creating networks of regionally organized small teams could have a transformative impact. These teams would consist of clergy and laity in various geographic parts of Louisiana with a passion and the skills needed to be successful change agents. Once they are clear about their broad charge, they should be given maximum freedom to employ an entrepreneurial approach to the needs in their area. As they are successful, best practices can be shared among the teams working in missional engagement.

Recommendation: Create entrepreneurial, grassroots teams to generate increased engagement by congregations with their communities.

Human Resources

The lack of a formal position related to Human Resources is an invitation for a lawsuit in this area. The attorney of a wronged employee would simply have to tell the judge, "Your honor, they don't even care enough about their employees to have a human resources staff person." Conference employees deserve an HR person to whom they can go to with problems. This position does not have to be full-time. However, failure to create an independent appeal route outside the Cabinet is a crisis waiting to happen.

Since they are in a supervisory position, it is impossible for District Superintendents to be pastors to the pastors. The consultant recommends recruiting retired clergy to be pastors to the pastors in the various regions of Louisiana. This should be a low cost (travel expense only) way to support clergy.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is another crucial area of ministry that can be done with regional teams. DEI should not be looked at solely at the top of the Conference. It should be evaluated systemically from top to bottom. Regional teams would have a grassroots perspective that can speed up change in this area. They can also be advocates for secular DEI in their regions.

Recommendation: Form a small team of lay people who work in human relations. Ask them to set up an HR system that creates consistent personnel policies as well as serve as a safe place for wronged employees, at the District or Conference office levels, to get a fair hearing. GCFA will be very helpful in this project.

Recommendation: Create regional DEI teams to evaluate diversity, equity, and inclusion progress (or lack thereof) at the local level.

Recommendation: Use retired clergy to be pastors to the pastors.

Conclusion

The recommendations in this report should have the effect of creating a Conference culture aligned with the vision and goals currently being developed, reducing the size of the Conference's organizational structure, and having well-trained Boards, committees and teams using 21st Century best practices. As important, it should help create a culture in which accountability is a priority. When we hold ourselves and others accountable, an organization's culture really takes off.

Boards, committees, and staff need to spend some time learning how to hold themselves accountable rather than focusing mostly on holding others accountable. For any person or entity, the keys are 1) clear understanding of my role and 2) clear metrics that would indicate I am performing my role in a highly productive way. Jesus held himself and his disciples accountable in loving but firm ways. We need to do the same. As accountability becomes a priority, trust will be developed through the Conference organizational system.

There are always voices who say we are spending too much time on structure. But ineffective structure leads to ineffective ministry. It is past time to make church structures reflect the best practices of the 21st Century. Trying to do ministry in the 21st Century with governance concepts created in the 19th and 20th centuries is a huge obstacle for all the mainline denominations. In this season of change in the United Methodist Church, we need to seize the moment. To accomplish our divinely mandated mission, we need the right organizational best practices in place.

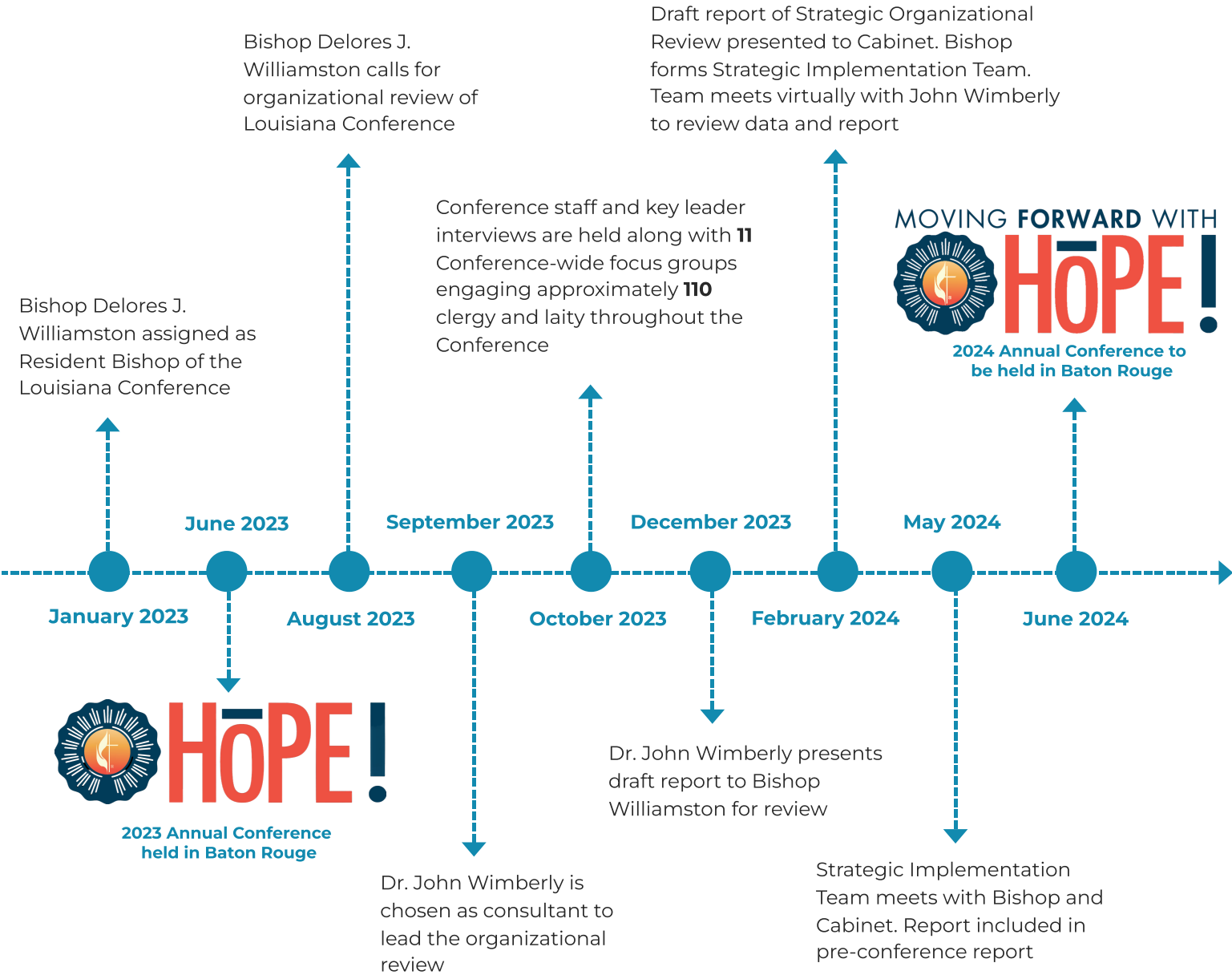
The consultant is excited and optimistic about the future of United Methodism in Louisiana. While the disaffiliation process has been traumatic, those remaining in the Conference and UMC have reaffirmed their commitment to the theology and polity of the UMC. As important, they have affirmed their connection to each other. In addition, the Conference has the kind of diversity that is highly attractive to the younger two generations. Add the renewed vision and energy the arrival of Bishop Williamston has generated, and it feels like The Louisiana Conference is well positioned to thrive.

Appendix A Recommendations

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Strategic Organizational Review Timeline



STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Shortly after her arrival in January of last year, Bishop Williamston began asking what we have come to know as “curious questions.”

“I’m curious,” she would often begin, and then she would ask a probing question intended to help her come to understand better this new mission field to which she had been assigned.

A series of curious questions about structure and process led us to where we are today.

The first six months of Bishop Williamston’s assignment were consumed with disaffiliation related matters. In May of last year we navigated the final group of churches who chose to depart through disaffiliation.

We gathered in this very space one year ago, smaller in number, but with greater clarity around the power of HōPE! To shape our identity in Christ, to restore our Wesleyan purpose, and strengthen our shared commitment to #BEUMC.

And we discovered that sometimes HōPE! speaks more clearly while wearing dog tags and combat boots.

In early Fall of 2023, Bishop Williamston called for a Strategic Organizational Review of the Louisiana Conference, and Dr. John Wimberly was selected as the consultant to guide us in the initial stages of this process. In October of last year, Conference staff and conference leaders were interviewed individually. 11 Conference-wide focus groups engaging approximately 110 clergy and laity throughout the Conference were held virtually, and additional interviews and conversations provided John with the essential information to begin his initial analysis. Follow up conversations were scheduled for further clarity and focus.

In December, John submitting his initial draft report to the Bishop containing context, methodology, focus group results, and an extensive list of recommendations covering all aspects of the focus group insights and findings. In order to gain additional focused feedback and clarity on some best next steps in the larger process of strategic reorganization, Bishop Williamston convened a group that has come to be known as the Strategic Implementation Team to review the report, provide some initial feedback, and help guide the work moving forward.

The Strategic Implementation Team met virtually with John Wimberly and then met in person with the Extended Cabinet. Out of those meetings it was determined that a summary report would be helpful to the next stage of the process, as it would provide a set of focused recommendations that were most reflective of the clear priorities that emerged throughout the process.

The summary report was included in the pre-conference report and the additional context, methodology, focus group results and larger recommendations for possible consideration was included in the supplement. I trust everyone has taken the opportunity to read and review the information contained in both. This report is not intended to be the answer to the question, “what should we do?”, but rather this report is designed to guide and direct our conversations and our strategic decisions over the next 12-24 months.

Which brings us to today.

It is important to remember that the primary focus of this process is organizational restructure. That process will include a series of decisions and steps, each of them related to the other, some already clear, and others yet to be discovered; all of them intended to help us move forward with HōPE! as we build, connect and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Two specific recommendations will come before the conference shortly requiring a vote. Additional recommendations will be offered inviting the conference into the conversation around specific areas of mission and ministry.

The first will be a report related to District realignment. Dr. Tom Dolph will present this report. The recommendations build upon the work of the District Study Task Force formed in 2020-2021, whose work was suspended prior to implementation due to the pandemic and the long dark night of disaffiliation.

The second will be a report from the Nominations Committee asking to suspend the rules and allow their report, which includes a reduced slate of nominees, to be approved, giving space for the Strategic Implementation Team to do its best work in the coming year, while ensuring that the basic administrative and missional work continues uninterrupted and aligns with *The Book of Discipline*.

The remaining recommendations are intended to assist the Strategic Implementation Team in their work while engaging teams in specific areas where important missional decisions will be required in the future: Youth ministry, campus ministry, camps, and strategic staffing.

At the heart of this entire process is communication. And how we communicate this ongoing work, as well as how we continue to tell the story of what God is doing in our midst, specifically how we are building, connecting and equipping for the future, will become even more of a priority moving forward.

In closing, I remind you of the words of the modern day theologian, Jason Bradley DeFord, better known to most as Jelly Roll:

“The windshield is bigger than the rear view mirror for a reason. What ever you’ve been through, whatever your going through, keep going, keep moving, keep moving forward.”

We’ve been through a lot, but let’s keep moving. Let’s keep moving forward with HōPE!

CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSIONS AND HEALTH BENEFITS (CBOPHB)

REPORT I—Administrative benefits policies and matters

1. CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENT

We recommend that no monies be apportioned to the charges of the Louisiana Conference in 2025 as in 2024. The reason this is due to the interest income earned on unrestricted/undesignated benefits reserves invested projected to be adequate to fund the various other benefits provided by the CBOPHB. Further, CBOPHB has determined that the current unrestricted/undesignated benefits reserves was \$2,380,226 as of 12/31/2023.

This change in the source of funding is a significant shift in offering and paying for miscellaneous benefits (excluding pension or health benefits which will continue to be direct billed to each local church). If these interest income earnings should decrease in subsequent years, then it may be necessary to utilize unrestricted/undesignated reserves, or request CFA to reinstate an apportionment funding amount for the other various clergy benefits sponsored by the CBOPHB.

We remind churches that payments made to the CBOPHB for pensions and health benefits shall be proportional to the amount paid on the clergy salary or salaries of a given charge. See Paragraph 622, *The Book of Discipline*.

2. PRE-1982 BENEFITS

We recommend:

- A. That the funded annuity rate for 2025 ("Past Service Rate") for years of service prior to January 1, 1982 be set as has been Conference policy at 1% of the Conference Average Compensation (CAC) for 2025 (\$873 per year) and that this rate be reviewed annually. The CAC is calculated annually by Wespath Benefits and Investments (Wespath) thus, there is a Past Service Rate increase recommended for the 2025 rate since the CAC increased from 2024.
- B. That the benefits to surviving spouses of clergy be set at 75% of the annuity rate.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The CBOPHB's annual reports for the items below begin on the next page.

- A. Conference Benefits Officer/Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2023 (the unaudited internally prepared detail financial statements)
- B. December 31, 2023 Auditor's Report from Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan, & Maher, LLP, CPA
- C. Louisiana Conference Benefits Arrearages for 12/31/2023 by District and Church

See Documents A., B., and C. in the next pages

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23															23
24	La Annual Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits														24
25	Statement of Activities and Net Asset Reserves-MODIFIED CASH BASIS-UNAUDITED														25
26	For the Period Ended 12/31/2023 and Year Ended 12/31/2022														26
27				Beginning Net Assets/Reserves	Apportionment Revenues	Revenues-Direct Billed	Other Revenues	Expenses	Net Current Year Revenues Over/Under Disbursements	Transfers to/from Reserves	Fund Accounting Code	Net Current Year Activities after Reserve Transfers	Investment Income (Loss)	Ending Net Assets/Reserves	27
28				1/1/2023										12/31/2023	28
29															29
30	Unrestricted			RESTATED											30
31	Current reserves - Hancock Whitney			\$ 519,837	\$ 118,706	\$ -	\$ 121	\$ (120,421)	(1,594)	\$ 523,947		\$ 522,353	\$ -	\$ 1,042,190	31
32	Wespath Deposit-operating funds available			882,431	-	-	-	-	-	(131,569)		(131,569)	42,526	793,388	32
33	UMF Benefits Reserves Fund LAC765 earnings/losses			391,408	-	-	-	-	-	(371,718)		(371,718)	478,753	498,443	33
34	Earnings-Perm. Restr. Funds			20,660	-	-	-	-	-	(20,660)		(20,660)	-	-	34
35	Earnings-Wespath Superannuate End.			32,800	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	13,405	46,205	35
36			Total unrestricted	1,847,135	118,706	-	121	(120,421)	(1,594)	0		(1,594)	534,685	2,380,226	36
37	Board Designated														37
38	Pension Benefits:														38
39	Pension/welfare remittance and expenses			-	-	1,475,704	-	(1,388,511)	87,194	(87,194)		(0)	-	(0)	39
40	Pension Plans Unfunded Liabilities-Par. 2553			1,877,611	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	1,877,611	40
41	Pension Plans Liabilities-(designated from unrestricted)			5,100,570	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	5,100,570	41
42	Pre-82 Plan Redirection Reserve			6,757,256	-	-	746,984	-	746,984	-		746,984	-	7,504,240	42
43	Pension Crusade Funds (UMF PEN 812)			13,716,571	-	-	-	-	-	87,194		87,194	4,542,065	18,345,830	43
44															44
45															45
46	Subtotal - pension benefits funds			27,452,008	-	1,475,704	746,984	(1,388,511)	834,178	0		834,178	4,542,065	32,828,251	46
47	Medical:														47
48	Active and Laity														48
49	Medical premiums and claims paid			-	-	2,192,950	263,854	(2,717,503)	(260,699)	260,699		(0)	-	(0)	49
50	Health Insurance- Actives/Lay Reserves			2,229,403	-	-	-	-	-	(260,699)		(260,699)	-	1,968,704	50
51															51
52	Subtotal - medical active and laity			2,229,403	-	2,192,950	263,854	(2,717,503)	(260,699)	-		(260,699)	-	1,968,704	52
53	Retirees														53
54	HRA Subsidy Funding			-	-	-	-	(322,307)	(322,307)	322,307		0	-	0	54
55	Retiree Benefits "Woolworth Distrib" Reserves			16,478,088	-	-	8,898,918	-	8,898,918	(322,307)		8,576,611	2,860,187	27,914,885	55
56															56
57	Subtotal - retirees medical			16,478,088	-	-	8,898,918	(322,307)	8,576,611	-		8,576,611	2,860,187	27,914,885	57
58															58
59	CRPH Other:														59
60	Retirees - specific purpose funds														60
61	Gulf Shores condo reserve (deficit)			(20,151)	-	-	7,900	(11,883)	(3,983)	-		(3,983)	-	(24,133)	61
62	Garber II Fund-(former GAR608			24,468	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	24,468	62
63															63
64	Subtotals - CRPHB other			4,317	-	-	7,900	(11,883)	(3,983)	-		(3,983)	-	335	64
65															65
66	Total board designated			46,163,817	-	3,668,654	9,917,656	(4,440,204)	9,146,106	0		9,146,107	7,402,251	62,712,175	66
67															67
68	Permanently Restricted (All but Wespath Superannuate in UMF La LAC784)														68
69	Nell Stipe Fund			200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	200,000	69
70	Ava Morton Alford Fund			10,408	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	10,408	70
71	Garber II Restricted Fund			7,842	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	7,842	71
72	B. Paxton Restricted Fund			6,300	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	6,300	72
73	Carrollton Restricted Fund			15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	15,000	73
74	Wespath Superannuate Restricted Endowment			64,869	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	64,869	74
75															75
76	Total permanently restricted			304,419	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	304,419	76
77															77
78	Totals			\$ 48,315,371	\$ 118,706	\$ 3,668,654	\$ 9,917,777	\$ (4,560,625)	\$ 9,144,512	\$ 1		\$ 9,144,513	\$ 7,936,936	\$ 65,396,820	78
79															79
80															80

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Louisiana Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits
Financial Reports of Reserves - Modified Cash Basis-UNAUDITED
As of December 31, 2023

NET RESERVE BALANCES - CBOPHB ONLY

Explanation of oversight and spending authority, descriptive narrative

Pensions reserves (held outside of Wespah- CRSP DB/MP/Pre-82 Plans) Trust)

Pension - Unfunded Liabilities - all plans

Pension Plans Unfunded Liabilities - Par. 2853

Pre-82 Surplus- Redirection

PEN812 Crusade (Pre-82 - 1st)

Total Pension plan reserves

Health Insurance Benefits Reserves

Active Clergy Health Plan

Retirees Health Plan

General Reserves - Benefits for Clergy

Held in Cash, UMFLA, or Wespah Investment accounts

UMF Investment accounts but either temporarily restricted or permanently restricted due to donor specifications

Gulfshore Condo -70% Interest

Subtotal General Reserves

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To the Board of Trustees
Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction -
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction ("Board of Pensions"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis, for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis of the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information as listed in the index to report is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Duplantier, Sharpness, Hogan and Oakes, LLP

New Orleans, Louisiana

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 798,980	\$ 3,114,911
Investments, at fair value	64,354,630	44,815,684
Due from Finance and Administrative Services	<u>243,209</u>	<u>384,777</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>65,396,819</u></u>	<u><u>48,315,372</u></u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ <u><u>65,396,819</u></u>	\$ <u><u>48,315,372</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Pension</u>	<u>Health & Welfare</u>	<u>Total</u>
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS:			
Contributions:			
Pension contributions	\$ 1,475,704	\$ -	\$ 1,475,704
Pre-1982 surplus redirection	746,984	-	746,984
Health benefits contributions	-	2,192,950	2,192,950
Drug rebates	-	263,854	263,854
Donations	-	8,898,918	8,898,918
Apportionments	118,706	-	118,706
Other income	121	-	121
Rent income	7,900	-	7,900
Total contributions	<u>2,349,415</u>	<u>11,355,722</u>	<u>13,705,137</u>
Investment income:			
Investment income - net of fees	518,578	429,859	948,437
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>4,079,418</u>	<u>2,909,080</u>	<u>6,988,498</u>
Total investment income	<u>4,597,996</u>	<u>3,338,939</u>	<u>7,936,935</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>6,947,411</u>	<u>14,694,661</u>	<u>21,642,072</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Pension benefits	1,388,511	-	1,388,511
Medical claims	-	2,300,240	2,300,240
HSA contributions	-	133,410	133,410
Retiree health subsidy	-	321,815	321,815
Claims administrative fees and reinsurance premiums	-	265,630	265,630
Administrative expenses	<u>132,303</u>	<u>18,716</u>	<u>151,019</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>1,520,814</u>	<u>3,039,811</u>	<u>4,560,625</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) PRIOR TO TRANSFERS	5,426,597	11,654,850	17,081,447
TRANSFERS	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) AFTER TRANSFERS	5,426,597	11,654,850	17,081,447
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:			
Beginning of year	<u>28,535,312</u>	<u>19,780,060</u>	<u>48,315,372</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 33,961,909</u>	<u>\$ 31,434,910</u>	<u>\$ 65,396,819</u>

See accompanying notes.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>Pension</u>	<u>Health & Welfare</u>	<u>Total</u>
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS:			
Contributions:			
Pension contributions	\$ 2,035,724	\$ -	\$ 2,035,724
Health benefits contributions	-	3,010,681	3,010,681
Drug rebates	-	184,263	184,263
Donations	-	3,140,674	3,140,674
Apportionment	119,236	-	119,236
Other income	1,867,357	-	1,867,357
Rent income	7,900	-	7,900
Total contributions	<u>4,030,217</u>	<u>6,335,618</u>	<u>10,365,835</u>
Investment income (loss):			
Investment income - net of fees	471,954	299,361	771,315
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	<u>(5,276,204)</u>	<u>(3,678,083)</u>	<u>(8,954,287)</u>
Total investment income (loss)	<u>(4,804,250)</u>	<u>(3,378,722)</u>	<u>(8,182,972)</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>(774,033)</u>	<u>2,956,896</u>	<u>2,182,863</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Pension benefits	2,151,549	-	2,151,549
Medical claims	-	3,290,127	3,290,127
HSA contribution	-	189,703	189,703
Retiree health subsidy	-	288,161	288,161
Claims administrative fees and reinsurance premiums	-	416,137	416,137
Administrative expenses	<u>121,412</u>	<u>32,428</u>	<u>153,840</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>2,272,961</u>	<u>4,216,556</u>	<u>6,489,517</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) PRIOR TO TRANSFERS	(3,046,994)	(1,259,660)	(4,306,654)
TRANSFERS	<u>(48,256)</u>	<u>48,256</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) AFTER TRANSFERS	(3,095,250)	(1,211,404)	(4,306,654)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:			
Beginning of year	<u>31,630,562</u>	<u>20,991,464</u>	<u>52,622,026</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 28,535,312</u>	<u>\$ 19,780,060</u>	<u>\$ 48,315,372</u>

See accompanying notes.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES:

The Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (the “Board of Pensions”) is an agency of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church (Conference). The Conference represents one of the basic units of the United Methodist Church and the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits is a mandatory sub-entity of the basic unit.

The function of the Board of Pensions is to administer the pension programs, health and dental benefit programs, disability and survivor benefit programs, and related welfare programs offered to clergy and their families and lay employees of the United Methodist Churches in Louisiana. Support is derived primarily from direct billings to the local churches for premiums, annual apportionments, direct contributions, interest on cash balances, and investment earnings. All activities of the Board of Pensions are under the direction of the Conference.

The Board of Pensions is within the scope of church benefit plans, and therefore is not subject to regulations by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) or the Department of Labor.

The financial statements of the Board of Pensions include only the activities of the pension programs and the health benefits programs. It does not include any activity of the Finance and Administrative Services or any other distinct operating entities which operate within the Conference ("non-combined affiliated entities").

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Accounting:

The accompanying financial statements of the Board of Pensions have been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which records revenues when received and expenses when paid with the following exceptions:

- a) Investments are recorded at fair market value, with any unrealized gain or loss being reported in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits – Modified Cash Basis.
- b) Due from related party and the corresponding revenue are recorded for remittances from the Finance and Administrative Services shortly after year-end.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Basis of Accounting: (Continued)

The modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America primarily because the Board of Pensions has not recognized contribution receivables, interest receivables, accounts payable, health claim payables, incurred but not reported claims payables, and postemployment benefit obligations for health claims. The Board of Pensions does not record salaries and wages payable, payroll taxes, and other expenses and their related effects on the change in net assets.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Board of Pensions considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less, including sweep accounts, which are overnight repurchase agreements, to be cash equivalents.

Investments:

The Board of Pensions records investments at fair market value in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis. Fair market value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded when received. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes unrealized and realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Sources of Revenue:

Churches in the Conference are required to remit contributions to the Board of Pensions to support the pension and health programs of the Board of Pensions.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Tax Matters:

The Louisiana Conference is exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and part of a group exemption of the United Methodist Church. The financial information of the Board of Pensions is included in the financial information on the income tax return of the Louisiana Conference.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Board of Pensions' management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Board of Pensions and recognize a tax liability for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Board of Pensions is subject to routine audits by tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Board of Pensions' tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities for tax years ended December 31, 2019 and after.

Donations:

Non-cash gifts received from sources such as estates and trusts are not recorded as assets until converted into cash.

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

The Board of Pensions has cash and cash equivalents balances as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 in the amount of \$798,980 and \$3,114,911, respectively. The cash is invested with a banking institution, in which excess cash is swept overnight into a repurchase agreement and reported as a cash equivalent in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits – Modified Cash Basis. The repurchase agreement had a cost of \$1,533,470 and \$3,118,904 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Pledged securities valued at \$1,564,138 and \$3,181,282 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, secure the repurchase agreement.

4. INVESTMENTS:

Investments consist of a short-term money market account in the amount of \$8,902,530 and \$787,219 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Investments also consist of pooled investment funds in the amount of \$55,452,100 and \$44,028,465 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The pooled investment funds are managed by the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana and Wespeth Benefits and Investments. United Methodist Foundation was organized to receive and administer gifts, legacies, and bequests for the benefit

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4. INVESTMENTS: (Continued)

of the Louisiana Conference, agencies and institutions, local churches and causes of the United Methodist Church of Louisiana. Wespath Benefits and Investments of the United Methodist Church is a general agency of the United Methodist Church and provides administrative and investment services to benefit plans for the Board of Pensions.

Investments in the pooled investment funds as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 reported at fair value consist of investments in the Balanced Fund, the Income Fund, the Impact Fund and the Wespath Short Term Investment Fund as follows:

<u>December 31, 2023</u>					
Investments at the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana:	Balanced Fund	Income Fund	Impact Fund	Money Market	Total
Louisiana Annual Conference Pension Fund	\$ 8,272,696	\$ 4,283,116	\$ 19,471,052	\$ 814,792	\$ 32,841,656
LA Conference Woolworth Retirees Reserve	8,943,506	1,299,625	9,584,016	8,087,738	27,914,885
LA Conference Benefits Reserve Account	-	376,554	2,330,478	-	2,707,032
Subtotal	<u>\$ 17,216,202</u>	<u>\$ 5,959,295</u>	<u>\$ 31,385,546</u>	<u>\$ 8,902,530</u>	<u>63,463,573</u>
Investments at Wespath Benefits and Investments					
Short-Term Investment Fund					891,057
Subtotal					<u>891,057</u>
Total Investments					<u>\$ 64,354,630</u>

<u>December 31, 2022</u>					
Investments at the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana:	Balanced Fund	Income Fund	Impact Fund	Money Market	Total
Louisiana Annual Conference Pension Fund	\$ 7,004,787	\$ 3,335,335	\$ 16,155,983	\$ 787,219	\$ 27,283,324
LA Conference Woolworth Retirees Reserve	4,423,022	1,261,721	7,962,029	-	13,646,772
LA Conference Benefits Reserve Account	500,304	464,249	1,728,121	-	2,692,674
LA Conference Restricted Funds	-	-	212,814	-	212,814
Subtotal	<u>\$ 11,928,113</u>	<u>\$ 5,061,305</u>	<u>\$ 26,058,947</u>	<u>\$ 787,219</u>	<u>43,835,584</u>
Investments at Wespath Benefits and Investments					
Short-Term Investment Fund					980,100
Subtotal					<u>980,100</u>
Total Investments					<u>\$ 44,815,684</u>

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5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The Board of Pensions invests in a short-term money market account with the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana. The fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$8,902,530 and \$787,219, respectively. This investment is measured at Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, which uses directly or indirectly observable inputs other than quoted prices for the asset or liability, such as quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities. The Board of Pensions also invests in pooled funds in the amount of \$55,452,100 and \$44,028,465 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The pooled investment funds are managed by the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana and Wespeth Benefits and Investments. The fair value of the pooled funds is based on their reported net asset values (NAV) per share. The Board of Pensions uses the investee's NAV per share, or its equivalent, as a practical expedient for measuring the fair value of its pooled investments.

The unfunded commitments and redemption terms for its investments measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
<u>December 31, 2023</u>				
Balanced Fund	\$ 17,216,202	\$ -	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Income Fund	5,959,295	-	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Impact Fund	31,385,546	-	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Short-Term Investment Fund	891,057	-	Daily - Monthly	None
	<u>\$ 55,452,100</u>			

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
<u>December 31, 2022</u>				
Balanced Fund	\$ 11,928,113	\$ -	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Income Fund	5,061,305	-	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Impact Fund	26,058,947	-	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Short-Term Investment Fund	980,100	-	Daily - Monthly	None
	<u>\$ 44,028,465</u>			

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5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS: (Continued)

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

Balanced Fund:

The Balanced Fund invests in equities, corporate bonds, global bonds and alternative investments. The fund sees long-term appreciation and current income. Equity and alternative securities provide a capital appreciation.

Income Fund:

The Income Fund operates like a money market fund and invests primarily in U.S. government bonds and corporate bonds. The fund's securities provide income and absolute return, and real assets provide downside protection. The Income Fund offers quick access to deposits while still earning a higher rate than usually found with similar liquid funds. This fund is an alternative to CD's or when a ministry anticipates needing its money in the near future.

Impact Fund:

The Impact Fund consist of equity only investments in companies with positive social impact business practices and "ESG investing" (Environment, Social and Governance).

Short Term Investment Fund:

The Short-Term Investment Fund operates like a money market fund and invests in cash and cash equivalents in the form of units of a daily cash sweep account that maximizes current income consistent with preservation of capital. The Short-Term Investment Fund consists of investments in U.S. governmental and agency bonds, corporate bonds, securitized products, dollar denominated international fixed income securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposits, and other similar types of investments. The Short-Term Investment Fund is designed to maintain liquidity to ensure availability of cash for withdrawals.

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS:

For each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Board of Pensions had \$304,419 of funds with restrictions from donors with the earnings to be used for the payment of benefits and the corpus to remain intact. The funds with restrictions are reported within the net assets available for benefits on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits – Modified Cash Basis.

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7. PENSION PLANS:

General:

The Board of Pensions for the Conference is the plan sponsor for various retirement programs offered by the United Methodist Church for all clergy in connectional ministry with the Louisiana Conference, either under appointment at a local church, or various other Board office affiliates. All plans are administered by Wespath Benefits and Investments. The Board of Pensions is the plan sponsor for the Clergy Protection Plan (CPP), the Clergy Retirement Security Program defined benefit plan (CRSP-DB), the Clergy Retirement Security Program defined contribution plan (CRSP-DC), the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) and the United Methodist Life Insurance Plan (UNUM).

Each local church is directly billed by the Board of Pensions for each clergy staff member's portion of the Clergy Protection Plan (CPP), Clergy Retirement Security Plan (CRSP) including defined benefit (CRSP-DB) and defined contribution (CRSP-DC) provisions, and the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) and UNUM Plan. CPP is a combination life and disability insurance benefit. CRSP and UMPIP are retirement income benefits. Funds are remitted to Wespath who administers the various plans.

All amendments and changes in benefits must be presented and approved at the "Annual Conference" delegation which meets annually.

The following is a description of the plans and benefits and is provided for general informational purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan documents for more complete information.

Clergy Protection Plan (CPP):

Wespath Benefits and Investments established the CPP effective January 1, 1982. CPP is a "Church Plan" as defined in §414(e) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and §3(33) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and provides disability and death benefits for the eligible participants.

Clergy members are eligible to participate if they are serving a full-time appointment, receiving plan compensation equal to at least 25% of the Final Denominational Average Compensation (DAC), and are in one of the following classes:

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Clergy Protection Plan (CPP): (Continued)

1. A full, provisional or associate Clergy member of the United Methodist Church or another Methodist denomination;
2. A local pastor of the United Methodist Church
3. A Clergyperson of another denomination appointed to a charge of the United Methodist Church, if not participating in a similar program sponsored by that person's own denomination.

Required contributions under the CPP are based on participant's total plan compensation. The annual contribution amount is 3% of a participant's contribution base. The annual contribution amount is payable in equal monthly installments for each month the employee is an active participant.

Disability Benefits:

For participants eligible for a disability benefit on or after January 1, 2017, the disability benefits will equal 70% of a participant's annualized plan compensation, which is calculated for the CPP year that contains the date of the first disability benefit payment. For purposes of calculating disability benefits, plan compensation is limited to 200% of the DAC. Disability benefits may be reduced for certain amounts, such as Social Security disability benefits or other income. Benefits will be paid monthly, and the benefit amount will be increased annually by 3% on each anniversary date of the first disability benefit payment.

For participants eligible for a disability benefit between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2016, the disability benefits will equal 70% of annualized plan compensation, but will not be less than 40% of the DAC in effect on the date of the first payment. The benefit is subject to certain reductions.

For participants eligible for a disability benefit prior to January 1, 2002, the disability benefit as of January 1, 2002 is adjusted to be the greater of the existing disability benefit as of January 1, 2002 or 40% of the DAC in effect for the 2002 plan year. Benefits are paid monthly, and the amount is increased annually by 3% on each anniversary date of the first disability benefit payment.

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Clergy Protection Plan (CPP): (Continued)

Death Benefits:

If a participant dies while active, a death benefit of \$50,000 is paid to the beneficiary. If a participant dies while retired, a single-sum death benefit will be paid to the beneficiary based on retiree's date of retirement. If the participant retired prior to January 1, 2013, the benefit will be equal to 30% of the DAC in effect on the date of death. If the participant retired after January 1, 2013, the benefit will be \$20,400 and may be adjusted for inflation.

The General Conference shall have the right to terminate the Plan at any time in a manner and to the extent not inconsistent with The Book of Discipline. Upon termination of the Plan, the assets remaining in the Plan after all obligations of the Plan have been satisfied shall be distributed pursuant to action decided upon by the General Conference.

Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP):

The CRSP is a program of one or more church-sponsored retirement income accounts within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code §403(b)(9). CRSP includes both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. CRSP is also a Church Plan within the meaning of code §414(e).

Employees are eligible to participate in CRSP if they are a United Methodist clergyperson who is:

1. Under full-time Episcopal appointment to a local church, pastoral charge, district or Conference-elective agency, camp, foundation or other entity specified by the Board and receiving eligible Compensation for services (including local pastors, deacons, and ministers of other denominations);
2. Under half-time or three-quarter-time Episcopal appointment to a local church, pastoral church, district or Board-elective agency, camp, foundation or other entity specified by the Board; receiving eligible Compensation for services (including local pastors, deacons, and ministers of other denominations); and their plan sponsor has elected to cover their apportionment percentage on its Adoption Agreement;
3. Receiving disability benefits under the CPP and appointed full-time (or at least half-time or three-quarter time if elected by their plan sponsor on its Adoption Agreement) at some time during the 24 months (excluding periods while on leave of absence) immediately preceding the effective date of their CPP disability benefits;

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Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP): (Continued)

4. On medical leave but not receiving CPP disability benefits if medical leave is elected by their Board as an eligible category for participation, and they were appointed full-time (or at least half-time or there-quarter-time if elected by their plan sponsor on its Adoption Agreement) at some time during the 24 months (excluding periods while on leave of absence) immediately preceding the effective date of medical leave.

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church reserves the right to terminate, suspend or modify CRSP at any time, prospectively or retroactively. Also, the Board of Directors of Wespeth is authorized to amend CRSP when changes in the law or The Book of Discipline require it. If the General Conference terminates CRSP, the accounts will remain fully vested and will either remain in CRSP or be distributed according to the provisions of CRSP.

Defined Benefit Plan:

The defined benefit plan is a multi-employer plan that includes all U.S. annual conferences. It is managed by the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (Wespeth Benefits and Investments) and controlled by plan documents enacted by the quadrennial General Conference of the UMC. Assets contributed by any conference may be used to provide benefits to clergy of any participating conference. Should an annual conference make contributions less than the total liability of their participants the underfunded obligations are borne by the surviving annual conferences. A decision to withdraw from the plan is in violation of the Discipline (by-laws of the church) and would cause an immediate suspension to the benefits to the Conference's clergy.

For all annual conferences, the method to calculate the value of benefits earned varies by year of services: before 1982, between 1982 and 2006, and after 2006. Service time is accrued in one day increments for full-time enrollees. If the enrollee is employed less than full-time, credited service is determined by multiplying the percentage of employment appointment by the days of service completed.

Each annual conference contributes according to an actuarial present value of benefits earned by their clergy for service during those periods. The administrator of the plan, The General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (Wespeth Benefits and Investments), annually calculates liabilities and expected contributions for each annual conference based upon demographic and market changes relative to previous year's reports. Contributions per clergy

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Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP): (Continued)

Defined Benefit Plan: (Continued)

by the Board of Pensions for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022 are ten percent (10%) of clergy compensation not to exceed \$7,622 and \$7,557, respectively.

The funding valuation is calculated two years prior to the year of funding. The funded status of the Board of Pensions' share in the multi-employer defined benefit plans for the 2023 and 2022 funding year (January 1, 2022 and 2021 results) was as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Actuarial value of plan assets		
Pre-82 plan	\$ 24,234,183	\$ 24,240,608
CRSP-DB plan	38,994,832	32,715,784
MPP plan annuities	57,255,515	51,404,650
Total actuarial value of plan assets	<u>\$ 120,484,530</u>	<u>\$ 108,361,042</u>
Actuarial value of plan liabilities		
Pre-82 plan	\$ 22,467,516	\$ 24,643,937
CRSP-DB plan	31,511,381	29,340,020
MPP plan annuities	44,124,626	43,388,411
Total actuarial value of plan liabilities	<u>\$ 98,103,523</u>	<u>\$ 97,372,368</u>

Retirement benefits are paid monthly and calculated based on an enrollee's final Denominational Average Compensation (DAC) and years of credited service. The benefit is equal to 1.25% of the final DAC times years of credited service from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2013, plus 1% of the final DAC times years of credited service after December 31, 2013.

Benefits can begin upon:

1. Retirement, either after 30 years of service or at age 62,
2. Age 62 after termination of Board of Pensions relationship, or
3. Age 62 if the enrollee retires after 20 years of service.

If the retiree elects retirement before normal retirement age, the benefit will be actuarially reduced.

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Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP): (Continued)

Defined Contribution Plan:

The defined contribution plan provides an account balance a participant can access as retirement needs require. The Board of Pensions contributes to the defined contribution plan on a participant's behalf as long as they are eligible and receiving compensation. The participant may direct the investment of contributions into any one or a combination of the investment funds offered by Wespath. If a participant dies prior to all funds being paid out, the remaining funds will be paid to the beneficiary either in one lump sum or over time. Employer contributions to the CRSP defined contribution plan are 3% of an enrollee's compensation. The employee receives the full 3% employer contribution if the employee contributes at least 1% to the UMPIP plan; otherwise, the employee receives 2% of the employer contribution.

United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP):

UMPIP is a defined contribution retirement benefits 403(b) Church Plan of The United Methodist Church, and is administered by Wespath Benefits and Investments. Contributions to the Plan are made by the employer at 10% of an enrollee's compensation. Employees can contribute but are not required to make contributions. The Plan is subject to individual contribution limits under the Internal Revenue Code. The limit on annual additions is the lesser of \$66,000 and \$61,000 for 2023 and 2022, respectively, or 100% of includible compensation on the employee's most recent year of service. Eligible participants can make before-tax, Roth and/or after-tax contributions. The participant may determine how contributions are invested and all contributions immediately vest.

The eligibility requirements are established by the plan sponsor and must be met prior to contributions into a participant's account. The following are the three variations of the UMPIP plans in the Conference:

1. Clergy with either a full time, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, or $\frac{1}{2}$ time increment automatically receive a mandatory CRSP – Defined Contribution of 2% of Total Plan Compensation. In order for these clergy to receive the matching 1% contribution of the CRSP-DC into their employee (personal) account, the clergy person must make a minimum employee (personal) salary deferred UMPIP contribution of 1% of Total Plan Compensation. Clergy can elect salary deferrals of more than 1%, subject to the limitations set forth by the Internal Revenue Code. The clergy is responsible for determining these amounts and informing the church of these amounts for inclusion on their compensation form. Each local church is the plan sponsor and administrator of this UMPIP, and is responsible to pay these contributions directly to Wespath.

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United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP): (Continued)

The Conference makes the matching 1% contribution upon notification by Wespath that the clergy has contributed the 1% UMPIP (personal) contribution. ¼ time employees can elect to contribute to the plan but are not required.

2. Clergy with an appointment increment of ¼ time receive a nonmatching 10% contribution of Total Plan Compensation. The clergy are not required to contribute in a salary deferral amount in order to be eligible for the nonmatching contribution. The Conference is the plan administrator and sponsor of this variation. The clergy's local church is billed for the 10% contribution and pays these contributions to the Conference Benefits Office. The Conference Benefits Office remits the UMPIP to Wespath on the clergy's behalf.
3. Eligible lay employees can also participate in the Plan. The Conference is the plan sponsor and administrator for the eligible lay employees in the Conference. At the employee's one year anniversary, the Conference, as the sponsor, contributes 9% of the employee's base salary to their UMPIP account. Employees can also elect to make personal contributions, subject to the limits under the Internal Revenue Code.

UMPIP may be terminated, suspended or modified at any time. Also, Wespath Board of Directors is authorized to amend UMPIP at any time, as long as the amendment does not retroactively reduce an accountholder's account balance or degree of vesting. If UMPIP is terminated, or if the Plan sponsor freezes or terminates its participation in UMPIP, each accountholder's account will be fully vested and will either remain in UMPIP or be distributed according to the provisions of UMPIP.

United Methodist Life Insurance Plan (UNUM):

Full-time lay employees and clergy working at least 30 hours a week not eligible for the CPP Plan, as well as their spouses, are eligible for life and disability insurance under the UNUM Plan. The plan provides death benefits for active participants and their dependents and retired participants, accelerated death benefits in case of terminal illness, accidental death and dismemberment benefits for active participants, and survivor grief and financial counseling.

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Contributions received by the Board of Pensions from member churches for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CPP	\$ 293,603	\$ 407,127
CRSP - DB	823,209	1,132,326
CRSP - DC	302,239	420,961
UMPIP	48,130	64,946
UNUM	8,523	10,364
Total Contributions	<u>\$ 1,475,704</u>	<u>\$ 2,035,724</u>

The Board of Pensions remitted to Wespath Benefits and Investments \$1,388,511 and \$2,151,549, respectively, for the CRSP-DB, CRSP-DC, CPP, UMPIP, and UNUM pension plans for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 for the payment of plan benefits.

The Board of Pensions is responsible for the contributions due to Wespath Benefits and Investments even if not fully reimbursed by the member churches. Any amounts not collected from churches are monitored closely and addressed accordingly. Substantial arrearages may affect the eligibility to participate in future plans. Arrearages as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$133,842 and \$170,677, respectively.

8. HEALTH BENEFITS:

General:

The Board of Pensions manages a self-funded defined benefit health benefit plan (the Plan). The self-funded health benefit plan provides comprehensive medical benefits and prescription drug benefits as well as dental and vision benefits to eligible members as specified in the Summary Plan Description. A Health Savings Account has been established which allows employees to obtain reimbursement of eligible medical expenses incurred by them or their dependents. Those eligible to participate in the health benefit plan include:

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8. HEALTH BENEFITS: (Continued)

General: (Continued)

1. Full-time clergy, including their dependents, in connectional ministry with the Louisiana Conference, either under appointment at a local church, or
2. Various other employees of Louisiana Conference affiliates.
3. Laity employees who are full-time with the Louisiana Conference, local churches, and Louisiana Conference affiliates.
4. Selected health benefits to surviving spouses of deceased clergy and for clergy on temporary administrative leave or disability.

Effective January 1, 2020, retirees are no longer eligible to participate in the Plan.

The Board of Pensions has the right under the Plan to modify the benefits provided to eligible members. The Plan may terminate at any time and for any reason in whole or in part.

Contributions:

The Plan is funded by contributions from the participating members. The monthly contribution for 2023 and 2022 full-time clergy is a "blended" rate of \$1,490 and \$1,425, respectively. The rate is considered blended because the contribution is the same whether the clergy elects family or single coverage. From this contribution, \$100 is paid into the employee's HSA, and the remainder is used to fund benefit claims.

The monthly contribution for 2023 and 2022 for laity health benefits is \$925 and \$880, respectively for single coverage and \$1,900 and \$1,760, respectively for family/dependent coverage. If the lay employee elects family/dependent coverage, the employee is responsible for the additional cost over single coverage. Additionally, the Louisiana Conference pays \$100 per month to the laity employees' HSA.

The Board of Pensions bills and collects contributions from each local church for their clergy members.

The health and welfare contributions collected from eligible clergy and laity by the Board of Pensions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$2,192,950 and \$3,010,681, respectively.

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Health Reimbursement Arrangement:

Effective January 1, 2020, the Board of Pensions agreed to provide retirees with a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) annual subsidy administered by Wespath to assist in the purchase and payment of premiums for Medicare supplement plans, Medicare Advantage plans in the Private Exchange, or to fund any eligible health care related costs.

For eligible participants employed on or after January 1, 2020, there is a ten-year full-time service requirement in the Louisiana Conference by clergy and/or their spouse to be eligible to receive a retiree health benefit subsidy upon reaching age 65. The subsidy is paid to assist retirees in the payment of their own health plan. All existing Louisiana Conference clergy eligible under the previous retiree health plan are grandfathered into the new plan. The annual amount of the subsidy is \$1,200 per person. The total amount paid for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$312,224 and \$280,790, respectively. The Board of Pensions also incurred administrative fees of \$3 per account per month paid to Via Benefits for administering the HRA annual subsidy. The Board of Pensions incurred administrative fees of \$9,591 and \$7,371 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively

Administrative Fees:

For 2023 and 2022, the Board of Pensions contracted with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBS) for its eligible employee and affiliates plans for medical, prescription, and vision health claims processing. This included an administrative fee of \$33.32 and \$31.37, respectively, per member per month. The agreement with BCBS also provides for rebates of prescription costs for those qualified pharmaceutical claims expenses. BCBS also provides dental administration for a fee of \$3.75 per member per month for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Board of Pensions also incurred administrative fees of \$3 per account, paid to American Health Resources, for administering the Health Savings Account (HSA).

Reinsurance:

The Board of Pensions mitigates potential catastrophic medical losses by purchasing reinsurance for specific stop loss coverage of \$130,000 per plan participant, and aggregate stop loss coverage of 125% of expected claims up to \$1,000,000 of maximum benefits.

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Reinsurance: (Continued)

The reinsurance premiums per participant/per month for such coverage are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Aggregate stop loss	\$ 8.42	\$ 7.97
Specific stop loss:		
Single	\$ 56.97	\$ 61.99
Family	\$ 142.47	\$ 195.06

Total administrative fees and reinsurance premiums paid to BCBS for years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$265,630 and \$416,137, respectively. Stop loss recoveries are netted with the stop loss coverage premiums and totaled \$309,035 and \$126,990 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

9. POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFIT OBLIGATION:

The post-retirement health benefit obligation represents the actuarial present value of those estimated future benefits that are attributed by the terms of the Plan to employees' service rendered to the date of the financial statements, reduced by the actuarial present value of contributions expected to be received in the future from current Plan participants. Post-retirement benefits include future benefits expected to be paid to or for (1) currently retired or terminated employees and their beneficiaries and dependents and (2) active employees and their beneficiaries and dependents after retirement from service with participating employers. The post-retirement benefit obligation represents the amount that is to be funded by contributions from the Plan's participating employees and from existing Plan assets. Prior to an active employee's full eligibility date, the post-retirement benefit obligation is the portion of the expected post-retirement benefit obligation that is attributed to that employee's service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of the expected post-retirement benefit obligation is determined by an actuary and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to historical claims-cost data to estimate future annual incurred claims costs per participant and to adjust such estimates for the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as those for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

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9. POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFIT OBLIGATION: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions:

The valuation was performed as of December 31, 2023, the measurement date. The valuation is made every two years. The following were the significant assumptions used in the valuations as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2021:

Discount rate	4.80% for 2023 and 2.60% for 2021
Current health care cost trend rate	6.75% for 2023 and 6.25% for 2021
Ultimate health care cost trend rate	5.00% for 2023 and 5.00% for 2021
Mortality:	Pri-2012 Top Quartile Employee Mortality Table (headcount-weighted) with generational projection using Scale MP-2020 for actives and Pri-2012 Top Quartile Retiree Mortality Table (headcount-weighted), adjusted 93% for males and 85% for females, with generational projection using Scale MP-2020 for retirees and continent annuitants
Termination:	Rates range from .0300-.0400 for clergy and .0015-.0994 for lay employees for 2023 and from .0300-.0400 for clergy and .0015-.0994 for lay employees for 2021
Retirement:	Rates range from 0%-100% depending on age for each year for clergy and lay employees

Accumulated Post-Retirement Benefit Obligation:

The accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation calculation by the actuary is performed every two years. The post-retirement benefit obligations for the most recent valuations are as follows:

	Valuation Date	
	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>
Fully eligible actives	\$ 1,904,569	\$ 2,367,106
Other actives	1,783,782	2,120,783
Retirees, dependents and surviving spouses	7,040,059	4,570,537
	<u>\$ 10,728,410</u>	<u>\$ 9,058,426</u>

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9. POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFIT OBLIGATION: (Continued)

Accumulated Post-Retirement Benefit Obligation: (Continued)

The increase in the post-retirement benefit obligation for the December 31, 2023 valuation is due to an increase in the HRA maximum subsidy to \$1,800 in 2024 and \$2,760 in 2025, an assumed increase in the HRA subsidy to a 2% increase after 2025, the removal of the Catastrophic Prescription Drug component of the HRA, an increase in the discount rate of 2.20%, and changes in assumptions. The increase in post-retirement benefit obligation for the December 31, 2021 valuation is due to increases in the Conference HRA of 2% every other year, an increase in the subsidy from the prior valuation, changes of assumptions, and a decrease in the discount rate by 0.5%.

The change in the accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2021 is as follows:

Accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2021	\$ 9,058,426
Employer service cost	469,903
Interest expense	461,376
Expected benefit payments	(848,588)
Plan experience (new data and claims)	(2,160,318)
Change in economic assumptions (discount rate and trend)	(1,564,482)
Change in HRA (maximum, assumed increase, removal of catastrophic Rx)	<u>5,312,093</u>
Accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 10,728,410</u>
Accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2019	\$ 7,326,409
Employer service cost	333,667
Interest expense	445,374
Expected benefit payments	(696,300)
Plan experience (new data and claims)	(42,693)
Change in discount rate	469,778
Change in assumptions	(389,449)
Change in maximum HRA and assumed %	<u>1,611,640</u>
Accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 9,058,426</u>

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10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana manages the Plan's investments in the amount of \$63,463,573 and \$43,835,584 as December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana was organized to receive and administer gifts, legacies and bequests for the benefit of the Louisiana Conference. The amounts incurred for these services for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$230,042 and \$80,268 respectively.

Wespath Benefits and Investments manages the Plan's investments in the amount of \$891,057 and \$980,100 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 respectively. Wespath Benefits and Investments of the United Methodist Church is a general agency of the United Methodist Church and provides administrative and investment services to benefit plans for the Board of Pensions. The amounts incurred for these services for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$-0- and \$-0-, respectively.

The Board of Pensions received monthly contributions for health coverage from the Finance and Administrative Services on behalf of eligible clergy and laity totaling \$219,201 and \$218,140 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Finance and Administrative Services is the finance and administrative agency of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Board of Pensions received an annual apportionment for pension benefits from the Finance and Administrative Services in the amount of \$118,706 and \$119,236 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Board of Pensions also received pension contributions from the Finance and Administrative Services in the amount of \$183,422 and \$172,249 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Finance and Administrative Services is the finance and administrative agency of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Finance and Administrative Services owed the Board of Pensions \$243,209 and \$384,777, respectively, relating to contributions for health coverage and pension contributions.

11. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits – Modified Cash Basis.

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11. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES: (Continued)

Plan contributions are made based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimates and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near-term would be material to the financial statements.

12. DISAFFILIATIONS:

At the 2019 Special Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church, conditions were passed to allow churches to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. These conditions are outlined in the new Book of Discipline paragraph 2553, and the conditions were set to expire on December 31, 2023. Annual conferences were given leeway to develop their own disaffiliation policies and procedures, provided that the disaffiliating church paid the current twelve months apportionments, plus the next two years of apportionments, and the disaffiliating church's share of the conference pension liability.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church had ninety-five (95) churches and sixty-seven (67) churches, respectively, disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church under Book of Discipline paragraph 2553. Payments received by the Board of Pensions from disaffiliated churches for their share of the conference's pension liability are recorded in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits – Modified Cash Basis in the years ended December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Other income	\$ -	\$ 1,854,177
Total disaffiliation payments	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,854,177</u>

In the year ended December 31, 2023, the unfunded pension liability was significantly lower than the prior year and the disaffiliation calculations reflected no allocable unfunded pension obligation to the 95 churches that disaffiliated in 2023, thus there were no payments received by the Board of Pensions. In the year ended December 31, 2022, the Board of Pensions received \$1,854,177 for unfunded pensions obligations from the 67 churches that disaffiliated in 2022.

13. RECLASSIFICATIONS:

Certain amounts in 2022 have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

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14. DATE OF MANAGEMENT REVIEW:

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 6, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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	Beginning Balance	Apportionment Revenues	Revenues - Direct Billed	Other Revenues	Investment Earnings	Changes in Market Value	Expenses	Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	Net Transfers from Reserves In (Out)	Ending Balance
UNRESTRICTED:										
Operating benefits reserves	\$ 519,988	\$ 118,706	\$ -	\$ 121	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (120,421)	\$ (1,594)	\$ 523,796	\$ 1,042,190
Wespath deposit account	869,255	-	-	-	14,888	27,639	-	42,527	(118,391)	793,391
UMF Benefits Reserves - LAC765	391,412	-	-	-	42,340	436,413	-	478,753	(371,718)	498,447
UMF Benefits Reserves - LAC784	20,649	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,649)	-
Wespath Superannuate Unrestricted	32,800	-	-	-	-	13,405	-	13,405	-	46,205
Total unrestricted	1,834,104	118,706	-	121	57,228	477,457	(120,421)	533,091	13,038	2,380,233
UNRESTRICTED - BOARD DESIGNATED:										
Pension Benefits:										
Pension remittance income and expense	-	-	1,475,704	-	-	-	(1,388,511)	87,193	(87,193)	-
Plans Plans Unfunded Liability	6,991,219	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13,038)	6,978,181
UMF Pre-82 Redirection Reserve - LAC780	6,757,256	-	-	746,984	-	-	-	746,984	-	7,504,240
Pension Reserve - PEN812	13,716,571	-	-	-	503,690	4,038,375	-	4,542,065	87,193	18,345,829
Subtotal board designated - pension benefits	27,465,046	-	1,475,704	746,984	503,690	4,038,375	(1,388,511)	5,376,242	(13,038)	32,828,250
Medical:										
Active and Laity:										
Medical premiums and claims paid	(1,705,124)	-	2,192,950	-	-	-	(2,717,503)	(524,553)	-	(2,229,677)
Drug rebates	384,754	-	-	263,854	-	-	-	263,854	-	648,608
UMF Health Ins Active Reserve 772	3,549,770	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,549,770
Subtotal board designated - medical active and laity	2,229,400	-	2,192,950	263,854	-	-	(2,717,503)	(260,699)	-	1,968,701

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			Direct	Billed	Other Revenues					
Medical: (Continued)										
Retirees:										
Medical premiums and claims paid	\$ (30,445)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (30,445)
Health care task force - special expenses	(563,054)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(563,054)
Drug rebates and RDS income	159,944	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159,944
UMF LAC768 - "Woolworth Distributions										
Reserves" - retiree benefits	16,911,641	-	-	-	8,898,918	387,519	2,472,666	11,436,796	-	28,348,437
Subtotal board designated - retirees medical	16,478,086	-	-	-	8,898,918	387,519	2,472,666	11,436,796	-	27,914,882
CBOPH Other:										
Retirees - specific purpose funds										
UMF Garber II Restricted Fund - GAR608	24,468	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,468
Gulf Shores condo	(20,151)	-	-	-	7,900	-	-	(3,983)	-	(24,134)
Subtotal Board Designated - other	4,317	-	-	-	7,900	-	-	(3,983)	-	334
Total unrestricted - board designated	46,176,849	-	3,668,654	9,917,656	891,209	6,511,041	(4,440,204)	16,548,356	(13,038)	62,712,167
RESTRICTED:										
UMF Nell Stipe Fund - NEL623	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000
UMF Ava Morton Alford Fund - AVA60	10,408	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,408
UMF Garber II Fund - GAR608	7,842	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,842
UMF B. Paxton Restricted Fund - PAX601	6,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,300
UMF Carrollton Fund - account	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000
GBOPHB Superannuate endowment account	64,869	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,869
Total restricted	304,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	304,419
TOTALS	\$ 48,315,372	\$ 118,706	\$ 3,668,654	\$ 9,917,777	\$ 948,437	\$ 6,988,498	\$ (4,560,625)	\$ 17,081,447	\$ -	\$ 65,396,819

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UNRESTRICTED:										
Operating benefits reserves	\$ 1,105,908	\$ 119,236	\$ -	\$ 142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (105,706)	\$ 13,672	\$ (599,592)	\$ 519,988
Wespath deposit account	185,185	-	-	-	8,984	5,470	-	14,454	669,616	869,255
UMF Benefits Reserves - LAC765	2,072,147	-	-	-	56,435	(737,170)	-	(680,735)	(1,000,000)	391,412
UMF Benefits Reserves - LAC784	155,609	-	-	-	2,660	(53,875)	-	(51,215)	(83,745)	20,649
Wespath Superannuate Unrestricted	52,283	-	-	-	-	(19,483)	-	(19,483)	-	32,800
Total unrestricted	3,571,132	119,236	-	142	68,079	(805,058)	(105,706)	(723,307)	(1,013,721)	1,834,104
UNRESTRICTED - BOARD DESIGNATED:										
Pension Benefits:										
Pension remittance income and expense	-	-	2,035,724	-	-	-	(2,088,929)	(53,205)	53,205	-
Plan's unfunded liability	5,124,004	-	-	1,867,215	-	-	-	1,867,215	-	6,991,219
UMF Pre-82 Redirection Reserve - LAC780	6,819,876	-	-	-	-	-	(62,620)	(62,620)	-	6,757,256
Pension Reserve - PEN812	18,555,266	-	-	-	462,970	(5,262,181)	-	(4,799,211)	(39,484)	13,716,571
Subtotal board designated - pension benefits	30,499,146	-	2,035,724	1,867,215	462,970	(5,262,181)	(2,151,549)	(3,047,821)	13,721	27,465,046
Medical:										
Active and Laity:										
Medical premiums and claims paid	(808,608)	-	3,010,681	-	-	-	(3,907,197)	(896,516)	-	(1,705,124)
Drug rebates	200,491	-	-	184,263	-	-	-	184,263	-	384,754
UMF Health Ins Active Reserve 772	2,549,770	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	3,549,770
Subtotal board designated - medical active and laity	1,941,653	-	3,010,681	184,263	-	-	(3,907,197)	(712,253)	1,000,000	2,229,400

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Medical: (Continued)										
Retirees:										
Medical premiums and claims paid	\$ (9,248)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (21,197)	\$ (21,197)	\$ -	\$ (30,445)
Health care task force - special expenses	(274,893)	-	-	-	-	-	(288,161)	(288,161)	-	(563,054)
Drug rebates and RDS income	159,944	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159,944
UMF LAC768 - "Woolworth Distributions										
Reserves" - retiree benefits	16,417,749	-	-	3,140,674	240,266	(2,887,048)	-	493,892	-	16,911,641
Subtotal board designated - retirees medical	16,293,552	-	-	3,140,674	240,266	(2,887,048)	(309,358)	184,534	-	16,478,086
CBOPH Other:										
Retirees - specific purpose funds										
UMF Garber II Restricted Fund - GAR608	24,468	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,468
Gulf Shores condo	(12,344)	-	-	7,900	-	-	(15,707)	(7,807)	-	(20,151)
Subtotal board designated - other	12,124	-	-	7,900	-	-	(15,707)	(7,807)	-	4,317
Total unrestricted - board designated	48,746,475	-	5,046,405	5,200,052	703,236	(8,149,229)	(6,383,811)	(3,583,347)	1,013,721	46,176,849
RESTRICTED:										
UMF Nell Stipe Fund - NEL623	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000
UMF Ava Morton Alford Fund - AVA60	10,408	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,408
UMF Garber II Fund - GAR608	7,842	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,842
UMF B. Paxton Restricted Fund - PAX601	6,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,300
UMF Carrollton Fund - account	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000
GBOPHB Superannuate endowment account	64,869	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,869
Total restricted	304,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	304,419
TOTALS	\$ 52,622,026	\$ 119,236	\$ 5,046,405	\$ 5,200,194	\$ 771,315	\$ (8,954,287)	\$ (6,489,517)	\$ (4,306,654)	\$ -	\$ 48,315,372

Louisiana Conference UMC
Benefits Arrearages - Total Balances Due (Unpaid) Report

As of December 31, 2023

DISTRICT	ENTITYNAME	BENTYPE	Unpaid Balance by church	Subtotal by District
Alexandria	EMMANUEL UMC [AL] (2440) (974352)	CPP	\$ 22.50	
		CRSPDB	75.00	
		CRSPDC	22.50	
	EMMANUEL UMC [AL] (2440) (974352) Total		120.00	
	HASKIN CHAPEL [AL] (4360) (975312)	UMPIP	3,464.37	
	SANDERS CHAPEL UMC [AL] (2590) (709414) closed	Med	249.94	
	Alexandria Total \$			3,834.31
Baton Rouge	BAKER, FIRST [BR] (3020) (710025)	CPP	723.12	
		CRSPDB	2,195.19	
		CRSPDC	723.12	
		Med	4,611.02	
	BAKER, FIRST [BR] (3020) (710025) Total		8,252.45	
	GREENSBURG [BR] (7230) (710446)	CPP	120.62	
		CRSPDB	402.08	
		CRSPDC	120.62	
		UMPIP	3,782.35	
	GREENSBURG [BR] (7230) (710446) Total		4,425.67	
	HUFF CHAPEL [BR] (7500) (710834)	UMPIP	152.93	
	Baton Rouge Total			12,831.05
Lake Charles-Acadiana	FRANKLIN, FIRST [LA] (1090) (711166)	CRSPDB	30.02	
	BALDWIN, TRINITY[LA] (1080) (973938)	UMPIP	139.30	
	LOTTIE, WILSON MEMORIAL [LA] closed	UMPIP	2,722.52	
	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH [LA] (3400) (973381)	CPP	493.51	
		CRSPDB	2,146.96	
		CRSPDC	738.95	
		Med	4,499.81	
	UMPIP	86.00		
	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH [LA] (3400) (973381) Total		7,965.23	
	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER [LA] (3120) (973450)	CPP	854.49	
		CRSPDB	1,861.00	
		CRSPDC	876.05	
		Med	8,564.40	
	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER [LA] (3120) (973450) Total		12,155.94	
	PATTERSON [LA] (1440) (711508)	CPP	84.63	
		CRSPDB	283.45	
		CRSPDC	84.44	
		Med	12,648.91	
	PATTERSON [LA] (1440) (711508) Total		13,101.43	
	Lake Charles-Acadiana Total			36,114.44
Monroe	ANSLEY [MN] (8010) (714444)	UMPIP	180.00	
	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC [MN] (5050) (975141)	CRSPDB	15,830.55	
		CRSPDC	4,800.74	
		UNUM	2,776.19	
	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC [MN] (5050) (975141) Total		23,407.48	
	ST. JAMES [MN] (5310) (975287)	CRSPDB	215.01	
		CRSPDC	64.50	
		UNUM	42.99	
	ST. JAMES [MN] (5310) (975287) Total		322.50	
Monroe Total			23,909.98	
New Orleans	CONVENT, ST. JAMES [NO] (3280) (974135)	UMPIP	1,029.21	
	HARTZELL [NO] (6320) (974784)	CPP	845.02	
		CRSPDB	3,519.55	
		CRSPDC	952.73	
		Med	6,115.62	
	HARTZELL [NO] (6320) (974784) Total		11,432.92	
	LAHARPE THOMPSON [NO] (6370) (974818)	CRSPDB	12,296.81	
		Med	20,523.50	
	LAHARPE THOMPSON [NO] (6370) (974818) Total		32,820.31	
	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH [NO] (3300) (713600)	UMPIP	795.90	
	NEWELL [NO] (7350) (974820)	CPP	481.25	
		CRSPDB	1,553.86	
		CRSPDC	481.25	
		Med	3,503.50	
		UMPIP	100.00	
NEWELL [NO] (7350) (974820) Total		6,119.86		
New Orleans Total			52,198.20	
Shreveport	ARIZONA [SH] (8040) (715073)	CPP	16.25	
		CRSPDB	54.18	
		CRSPDC	16.25	
	ARIZONA [SH] (8040) closed Total		86.68	
	GREENWOOD [SH] (9070) (715767)	UMPIP	351.00	
	Shreveport Total			437.68
Grand Total - All Districts			\$	129,325.66

4. INVESTMENTS

The CBOPHB shall primarily use the Investment Committee of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana (the Foundation) to assist in the overall investment management of Conference funds. The CBOPHB in concert with the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) has formed a Conference Investment Advisory Committee (CIAC) with the following members: CFA Chair, CBOHPB Chair, and two at-large CFA members. The Treasurer, a Cabinet liaison, and the CEO of the Foundation serve as ex-officio members of the CIAC. The CIAC convenes semi-annually to review the invested funds and make recommendations regarding the allocation, performance and placement of investments of the Conference, and reports thereon to CFA and CBOPHB.

During 2023, the Conference Investment Advisory Committee requested the United Methodist Foundation of La. (UMFLa) to change the structure of the CFA and CBOPHB investments to “carve out” these funds into two separate pools with Merrill Lynch. Previously, the CFA and CBOPHB various investment funds are combined with funds of all of the other church investors at the UMFLa. Thus, the CFA and CBOPHB investment deposit accounts reflected their respective portions of the UMFLa’s overall Income, Balance and Impact Funds at Merrill Lynch. CFA/CBOPHB investments were technically comingled with all other United Methodist (and other non-United Methodist) churches.

CFA and CBOPHB combined comprise the single largest investment holder at the UMFLa (about 40%), which correlates to a very different level of investor than local churches. The CIAC believes that there could be times when the general UMFLa investment strategies may not line up with the CFA and CBOPHB specific needs. Therefore, these investment assets necessitate more care and attention and we need to be proactive, not reactive with our investing strategies.

Detailed research confirmed that while the principal amount of the various designated reserves must remain intact until their authorized expenditure, the investment earnings could be used to help mission, ministry, clergy benefits, and administrative costs of the Conference. Beginning in 2024, all investment funds, unless donor restricted, will be combined into two pools, one for each CFA and CBOPHB investments funds.

CFA and CBOPHB policies have historically allowed various designated (not just donor restricted) principal funds to keep separate UMLa accounts, and record and keep their respective earnings (by keeping separate investment accounts and recording the earnings to the designated fund). However, this has created additional bookkeeping and accounting processes and procedures to maintain all of the various investment accounts which individually do not have the investing power that the total combined funds has. Additionally, post disaffiliation season, CFA and CBOPHB are seeking ways to leverage the investment asset reserves and their earnings potential in order to supplement local church apportionments for mission, ministry, clergy benefits, and the administration of all of these thereon.

To begin assisting with funding mission, ministry, benefits and administrative costs of the Conference and CBOPHB, CIAC proposes the following:

CBOPHB designated and undesignated funds will receive an annual 2% distribution to general reserves to fund the various miscellaneous welfare and health insurance benefits (i.e. non-pension benefits) for active and retired clergy, and Conference laity. The balance of all remaining CBOPHB interest income earnings from all funds will be retained in the General Unrestricted/Undesignated Benefits Reserves. Additionally, the other designated benefits reserves will retain their respective other investment income.

This proposed change will not affect the relationship with the Foundation as they will continue to be the investment arm and a strong advisor/participant in the meetings with Merrill Lynch. The strategies and asset allocation for each pool will be reviewed quarterly by the CIAC and assessed in detail at least annually to determine if the investment structure is fulfilling the needs of the CFA and CBOPHB.

These changes to the investment structure will occur in the first quarter of 2024.

5. GRANTS

CBOPHB recommends that:

- A. Grant for dependent be continued for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025, and the grant amount be set at 10% of the DAC to Larry Leon Scott.
- B. Special grants be paid July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026 from CBOPHB apportionment funds to:
 - 1. Mrs. Jewell B. Bonds in an amount equal to 75% of the 1968 annuity rate for the service of Rev. John Bonds, Sr., covering the period June 2, 1961 – June 6, 1968. Annual grant amount is \$341.28.
 - 2. Mrs. Patsy R. Garrett in an amount equal to 75% of twelve (12) years of annuity credit at the 1967 rate. Annual grant amount is \$585.12.

6. YEARS OF SERVICE OR STATUS CORRECTIONS

In accordance with the Book of Discipline (2016) Par. 1506 Section 5, on October 26, 2023, the Conference Board of Pensions approved a Correction to Service Record at Wespath Benefits & Investments as follows:

Lamar C. Oliver (former United Methodist Clergy, withdrawn effective 7/10/2023) requested a correction to his service record at (Wespath) General Board of Pension and Health Benefits. Upon researching the 2003, 2004, and 2005 Journals, we found that Lamar C. Oliver's service record should be corrected to list him as a Provisional Elder, and not a Full-Time Local Pastor, for the period 6/1/2002 -5/31/2004.

7. BENEFITS BILLINGS AND ARREARAGES

The CBOPHB implemented the policy of requiring all churches to pay their monthly benefit obligations through an automatic withdrawal or ACH/EFT from their bank account. Each church incurring benefit obligations on behalf of their appointed clergy are required to provide appropriate banking information for their payment. The ACH/EFT transaction will be processed by the Benefits Office between the 25th and end of each month for the monthly amount billed. The church will be responsible for ensuring the bank funds are available for draft by that date. Further, any NSF fees will be borne by the church.

- A. Pension Plan billings - As noted in the Pension Resolution, if a participant's pension billings funded by his/her employer/church become three (3) months in arrears, then the Bishop and the Cabinet will take into consideration whether the congregation is financially able to support a pastor with benefits.
- B. Medical Plan billings – If a participant's health insurance billings funded by his/her employer/church become three (3) months in arrears, then the Bishop and the Cabinet will take into consideration whether the congregation is financially able to support a pastor with benefits. All participants whose benefits are not paid directly by a church (i.e. retired UM clergy not yet Medicare eligible for the postretirement health HRA benefit) must be enrolled in an automatic draft (ACH) for remittance of the premiums. It is the responsibility of the participant enrolled in the ACH to ensure that the bank funds are available for draft by the 25th of the month for which the premium is being billed. Further any NSF fees will be borne by the participant. If for any reason, such a participant becomes two (2) months in arrears, his/her coverage will be discontinued.
- C. Due to the fiduciary responsibility for all benefit fund designations, the CBOPHB recommends that timely payment by local churches of pension benefits billings for their pastors be key performance indicators of a vital congregation and effective pastoral leadership. Therefore, the CBOPHB urges the Bishop and the Cabinet to continually assess local churches/pastoral appointments and designate them as either a vital and growing congregation or a missional or transformational endeavor. If a congregation is officially designated a missional or transformational endeavor, then missional or transformational funding sources, other than assets designated for benefits obligations, should be established for paying the benefits obligations.

For further information concerning pension and benefits payments contact the Conference Office of Administrative Ministries at (225) 346-1646.

8. COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS FUNDING PLAN for LOUISIANA CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PLANS and PRE-1982 PLAN

Effective with the 2012 General Conference, each Annual Conference's Board of Pensions and Health Benefits must develop and implement a formal comprehensive funding plan for its benefits obligations related to its annual retirement, welfare and health benefit plans for the Louisiana Conference clergy. The 2024 Comprehensive Funding Plan was presented to CBOPHB and approved.

According to the September 2023 Actuarial Valuation report issued by Wespeth Benefits and Investments, the CRSP-DB and MPP Annuities under the Corridor Funding methodology, remain above 100% funded as of January 1, 2023 on a long-term funding basis. Pension plan liabilities on a long-term funding basis are calculated using a discount rate that reflects the long-term, average expected earnings of the plan assets.

In addition to providing the long-term funding status for the retirement plans, Wespeth periodically calculates a current short term estimated underfunded pension liability (on a market basis). Pension plan liabilities on a market basis are calculated at a discount rate that reflects what an insurer or other outside party would use in pricing the liabilities if taking over the responsibility for benefit payments from the Louisiana Conference. Depending on current interest rates, market liabilities are typically higher than funding liabilities, sometimes significantly, since they reflect an immediate transfer of the liabilities to another party, whereas funding liabilities anticipate an ongoing, long-term plan. In past decades, local churches served by multiple United Methodist clergy who are still receiving pension benefits, or are due benefits in the future, that create a market rate liability relating to the long-term pension obligation.

A pension plan that appears funded on a long-term funding basis today could become underfunded in the future, due to economic downturns that produce lower-than-expected earnings, or due to increased longevity that results in longer periods of benefit payments. Such underfunding could result in additional contributions to the plan being required. These additional contributions to the plan are the responsibility of the annual conference, and in turn, the local churches of that conference – the conference's primary source of funds.

9. OTHER MATTERS

- A. The pension or disability benefits listed in this report relating to Pre-1982, CRSP, CPP, UMPIP and LTD and Life Insurance Plans are a summary of the plans and programs in which this Conference participates through Wespeth. All claims are subject to the terms of the plan document, and the programs and interpretations of Wespeth personnel.
- B. The health insurance benefits listed in this report relating to health insurance plans are a summary of the programs for the benefit of the Louisiana Conference clergy. All claims are subject to the terms of the plan document.
- C. Retirees who are concerned about late pension checks should not contact Wespeth before the 10th of the month at 1-800-851-2201. Information about personal pension accounts may be obtained by calling Wespeth at 1-800-851-2201 or going on line and setting up a personal account through Wespeth/Benefits Access at www.benefitsaccess.org/login.

REPORT II – Benefits Offerings

1. LOUISIANA CONFERENCE CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PLAN (CRSP) FOR CLERGY AT LEAST HALF (1/2) TIME & UMPIP FOR CLERGY SERVICE LESS THAN HALF (1/2) TIME

We recommend:

- A. That Participants shall be all non-retired Clergy members of the Louisiana Conference under Episcopal appointment to a charge or conference-controlled agency according to the schedule below. Thus, clergy included are full and provisional elders and deacons, associate members, other elders, other fellowship, and local pastors.

- B. That Participants' Pension Plan Compensation is the sum of: (1) cash salary (including tax deferred pension and savings or other tax deferred items) received from church-related sources; (2) utilities; (3) housing allowance, or when a parsonage is provided, **25% of the Pension Plan Compensation** as the approximate value of that parsonage; and (4) moving expenses reimbursed to, or paid on behalf of, a clergy is considered taxable income. Any such amount must be included on the clergy's W-2 Form as compensation. This information will also be reported to Wespeth Benefits and Investments for purposes of determining each clergy's Pension Plan Compensation and corresponding pension obligation on these amounts
- C. That the following chart, based on the DAC or CAC, whichever is the lower, be used to determine part-time increment status of an appointment to a charge or conference-controlled agency as it relates to pension years of service and pension billing calculation.

2024-Based on 60% of the DAC (\$78,292) which is lower than the CAC (\$86,315)

\$1 – 23,488 = ¼ Time Status UMPIP Only
 \$23,489 – 35,231 = ½ Time Status CRSP
 \$35,232 – 46,974 = ¾ Time Status CRSP
 \$46,975 and above = Full Time Status CRSP

2025-Based on 60% of the DAC (\$80,297) which is lower than the CAC(\$87,281)

\$1 – 24,089 = ¼ Time Status UMPIP Only
 \$24,090 – 36,134 = ½ Time Status CRSP
 \$36,135 – 48,177 = ¾ Time Status CRSP
 \$48,178 and above = Full Time Status CRSP

- D. That Louisiana Conference clergy serving at least half (1/2 time) to a local church or conference-controlled agency, shall participate in Wespeth's CRSP plan; and the church's contribution base be set as a percentage of pension plan compensation according to the following:

DefinedBenefit(DB) 10% of Pension Plan Compensation with a cap at 10% of DAC
 (Cap was \$8,029.70 for 2025 and \$7,829.20 for 2024)

DefinedContribution(DC) 3% of Pension Plan Compensation.*

*As per changes enacted at General Conference 2012 (effective 1/1/2014), 2% of the plan comp is deposited automatically into the clergy's personal DC account, and the final 1% of plan comp is deposited into the clergy's personal DC account if the clergy also contributes at least a matching 1% of pension plan compensation into his/her personal UMPIP account. The CBOPHB is continuing to recommend billing the normal 3% of pension plan compensation for DC, regardless of whether the clergy participates in the matching UMPIP contributions or not. Any excess receipts resulting from this billing would be used to cover annual billing arrearages for which the Conference is responsible and other unfunded administrative expenses of the CBOPHB.

- E. That Louisiana Conference clergy serving less than half (1/2 time) to a local church or conference-controlled agency, shall participate in Wespeth Benefits and Investments' La. Conference-Sponsored UMPIP plan; and the church's contribution base be set as a percentage of plan compensation according to 10% of Pension Plan Compensation. The Conference Office refers to this as "church UMPIP".
- F. That contributions for each participant's "church (not personal) UMPIP" shall be paid directly by the paying unit to the Louisiana Conference, 527 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802–5720, through an automatic ACH bank payment no later than the end of the month.
- G. That churches are to timely submit a clergy's 1% or more matching "personal UMPIP" contributions election, deducted from his/her paycheck, and any additional personal clergy elected UMPIP funds withheld from clergy compensation directly to Wespeth Benefits and Investments, P.O. Box 5184, Carol Stream, IL 60197-5184. Clergy electing to contribute personal funds to his/her UMPIP account,

must contact the Conference office for a Contribution Election Form. Clergy shall have his/her employer (church) make direct deposits into a pre-tax, after-tax, or Roth contribution, in accordance with federal government regulations. Further information concerning the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan may be obtained from Wespath, 1901 Chestnut Drive, Glenview, IL 60025-1604 (1-800-851-2201). **Item G applies ONLY to the clergy's "personal UMPIP" contributions and does not apply to the Church UMPIP that is in item 1.F. above.**

2. THE COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION PLAN (CPP) (Louisiana Clergy 3/4 time and above)

We recommend:

- A. That participants shall be all provisional and full connection elders and deacons, associate members, and fulltime local pastors under Episcopal appointment and all Other Fellowship and Other Elders who are not covered by their denominational plans, who have a pension plan compensation which grants a status of $\frac{3}{4}$ time according to the schedule set forth in 1.C above.
- B. That the salary-paying unit contributes, on behalf of each participant, an amount equal to 3% of the Plan Compensation as defined in 1.B up to a maximum of 200% of the DAC. Remittances shall be made directly to the Louisiana Conference in conjunction with CRSP payments.

The following information generally describes the benefit amounts payable under the Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) to eligible participants and their beneficiaries. For more information about CPP, see the *CPP Summary Plan Description* (SPD) available at www.wespath.org

Although all efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of this document, in the event of a discrepancy between this document and the SPD or CPP plan document, the SPD and plan document will always govern.

Long Term Disability Benefits

The disability benefit equals 70% of annualized plan compensation for the plan year in which the first payment is effective, with plan compensation capped at 200% of the DAC. The disability benefit is reduced by any disability benefits payable (or that would have been payable if the clergy person had not opted out of Social Security) under the Social Security Act; other reductions may apply in accordance with the terms of the SPD and Plan Document, as determined by Wespath. Eligible participants receiving CPP disability benefits may also receive retirement plan contributions to either CRSP or the United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) under the terms of the CPP plan as set forth in the SPD and Plan Documents of CPP, CRSP and UMPIP.

Active Participant Death Benefits-payable upon the death of an eligible active CPP participant in 2025

- Participant: \$50,000, payable in 12 monthly installments or one lump sum
- Spouse of active participant: 20% of DAC in the year of death (\$15,658.40 if death occurs in 2024)
- Surviving spouse of active participant: 15% of DAC in the year of death (\$11,743.80 if death occurs in 2024)
- Child of active participant: 10% of DAC in the year of death (\$7,829.20 if death occurs in 2024)
- Annual surviving spouse annuity benefit of \$15,658.40, less the annuity payable from CRSP and other Church- related sources
- Annual surviving child benefit of 10% of DAC (\$7,829.20 in 2023) payable in 12 monthly installments (1)
- Annual surviving child educational benefit up to up to 20% of DAC (\$15,658.40 in 2023) payable in installments as provided in the documents of the CPP program(2).

Retiree Participant Death Benefit (3)

Plan Provision	Clergy who Retiree Before January 1, 2013⁽⁴⁾	Clergy who Retiree January 1, 2013 or Later⁽⁵⁾
Death of retiree participant	30% of DAC in the year of death (for 2024: \$23,487.60)	\$20,400
Death of retiree's spouse	20% of DAC in the year of death (for 2024: \$15,658.40)	\$15,300
Death of retiree's surviving spouse	15% of DAC in the year of death (for 2024: \$11,743.80)	\$10,200
Death of retiree's child ⁽⁶⁾	10% of DAC in the year of death (for 2024: \$7,829.20)	\$8,100
Annual surviving child benefit payable in 12 monthly installments ⁽¹⁾	10% of DAC in the year of death (for 2024: \$7,829.20)	10% of DAC in the year of death (for 2024: \$7,829.20)
Annual surviving child educational benefit payable in monthly installments ⁽²⁾	10% or 20% of DAC	10% or 20% of DAC

For reference (#) see legend below.

- (1) Ages 17 and younger. Benefits are paid through the month in which the child attains age 18.
- (2) Ages 18 through 24 the child may be eligible to receive an annual surviving child educational benefit equal to 10% or 20% of the DAC in effect on the later of the date of your death or the date your child attains age 18.
 - 10% benefit will be payable in monthly installments to your child who is a full-time student attending a secondary school. The benefit will be paid during all eligible years while in high school.
 - 20% benefit will be payable to full-time students attending a school beyond the secondary level in equal installments based on the academic term (e.g. semester, quarter). The benefit will be paid for up to four years of attendance at a standard school or college beyond the secondary level. A student receiving this benefit will also need to submit documentation of passing grades.

To become or remain eligible to receive the annual educational benefit, Wespath will require that your child periodically submit satisfactory proof of enrollment, attendance, and academic performance as a full-time student at an appropriate school or college. Additional requirements are set forth in the CPP Plan Document.
- (3) To be eligible for death benefits in retirement, a clergyperson must have been covered in CPP for a requisite number of years as set forth in the CPP Plan Document.
- (4) Benefit available at this level for eligible retirees who retired before January 1, 2013, regardless of date of death.
- (5) Benefit available at this level for eligible retirees who retired on or after January 1, 2013, regardless of date of death. Benefit amount may be adjusted for inflation.
- (6) Age 18 and younger, age 19 and older if dependent upon the participant or upon surviving spouse of the participant due to behavioral or physical condition that existed prior to age 19, or age 24 and younger and receiving surviving child benefit.

3. LONG TERM DISABILITY AND LIFE INSURANCE PLAN for ½ time Louisiana Conference Clergy

We recommend that:

- A. There shall be a Long-Term Disability and Death Benefit for eligible active part-time local pastors, Other Elders and Other Fellowship who are serving ½ (one-half) time under Episcopal appointment to a local charge or other conference controlled agency and who are not eligible for the CPP plan set forth above. This plan is insured by UNUM Life Insurance Company.
 - a. The LTD plan provides long-term disability income protection benefits at 60% of plan compensation after a 90-day elimination period.
 - b. The LTD Plan provides a \$25,000 death benefit, which is reduced after an employee attains age 70, and then again at 75.
 - c. The Optional Life Insurance Plan allows the participant to purchase additional life insurance coverage, a spousal death benefit plan and/or a child death benefit plan. Any conflicts between what is written here and what is in the SPD or plan document or adoption agreement, shall be resolved in favor of the SPD, plan document and adoption agreement.

- B. Beginning January 1, 2017, the salary-paying unit for the clergy person shall be billed and is responsible for 2% of the Pension Plan Compensation for this coverage.

For eligibility requirements, please contact the Conference Benefits Administrator at (225) 346-1646.
For plan document information, please contact Wespeth at (800) 851-2201 or <http://www.wespeth.org>.

4. OPTIONAL UMLIFE PLAN

Wespeth adopted the Optional UMLife Insurance Plan on January 1, 2009. This plan is available to all full-time clergy under Episcopal appointment and who are enrolled in the CPP benefit program, as an optional life insurance plan at the cost to the clergy participant. This plan allows the participant to purchase additional life insurance coverage, a spousal death benefit and/or a child death benefit. This plan is sponsored by Wespeth and insured by UNUM Life Insurance Company. For eligibility requirements, please contact the Conference Benefits Administrator at (225) 346-1646. For more information about UMLife options, see the Summary Plan Document at <https://www.wespeth.org>, or contact Wespeth at (800) 851-2201 or <http://www.Wespeth.org>.

5. LOUISIANA CLERGY ACTIVE/LAY HEALTH PLAN - MEDICAL & HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

A. Description of Plan offering

Our self-funded group health plan is a comprehensive major medical program for full time Louisiana Conference clergy and their dependents who meet the requirements to be enrolled in the plan. The Plan Booklet with terms of eligibility and a Schedule of Benefits may be found on the Conference Website (www.la-umc.org). The Schedule of Medical Benefits contains a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) – BlueCross and BlueShield of Louisiana's Preferred Care PPO. BlueCross BlueShield provides the program for nationwide coverage outside of Louisiana. For further information regarding benefits and claims, **first contact Customer Service at the number** on your card, and, if not satisfied, contact the Conference Office of Administrative Ministries at (225) 346-1646.

- a. The Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits is authorized to act for the Louisiana Conference to provide comprehensive major medical expenses, dental care and vision benefits group insurance for the Louisiana Conference clergy, surviving spouses, dependents and eligible full time, or required to be covered by law, lay employees of the Conference as defined by the plan.
- b. Between sessions of the Annual Conference, the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits may increase premiums charged in its discretion. Between sessions of the Annual Conference, the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits may make changes in the program or the carrier with approval of the Council on Finance and Administration and the Cabinet.
- c. Enrollment must be accomplished within 30 days following the effective date of Louisiana Conference clergy appointments or the hiring of lay employees. After that time, a participant would be eligible to enroll if a Special Enrollment Provision is met. Such provisions would either be a loss of coverage, or if there is a new dependent because of marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption. Enrollment under either of these provisions should be requested within 30 days of the loss of coverage, marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption. Dependent children are covered to age 26 as required per the Affordable Care Act. Dependent children may be covered beyond this date in certain limited disability situations. See plan document for more details.
- d. There will be an open-enrollment period for eligible participants on the Active plan for one month in the fall each year with an effective date of January 1 of the following year.
- e. All churches receiving a full-time appointment are required to pay the insurance premium at the rate set for Active Clergy, whether the clergy person participants in the insurance plan or not. If a $\frac{3}{4}$ clergy appointment would like to elect health coverage, AND the church agrees to pay the medical premium, then the $\frac{3}{4}$ appointed clergy may enroll as well.

- f. It is required that participants serving full-time appointments beyond the age of 65 retain the Conference's active health insurance regular coverage, and their church will be billed for the health insurance premium due to the full time appointment status. Such participants can elect to sign up for Medicare A and B as a secondary payer. Contact the Conference Office of Administrative Ministries for more information.
- g. As previously reported, the plan and future of the medical and health care programs is continually being reviewed considering various factors, new health insurance legal requirements (Federal or State), the state of the economy, and overall health care costs. There is no recommendation for changes to the Louisiana Conference Active Clergy Health plan at this Annual Conference.

B. Current Premiums (AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025)

Premium for **Active Plan Medical, Pharmaceutical, Vision and Dental Benefits:**

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Blended Rate for Appointed Clergy	\$19,560.00	\$ 1,630.00
Participant – single coverage	\$12,180.00	\$ 1,015.00
Participant and spouse	\$24,360.00	\$ 2,030.00
Participant – family coverage	\$25,680.00	\$ 2,140.00
Surviving Spouse (under 65) – single	\$12,180.00	\$ 1,015.00
Surviving Spouse (under 65) – family	\$24,360.00	\$ 2,030.00

Payment of Premium

1. For clergy, premiums will be billed to and automatic bank drafted by the Conference for each church on the charge for their proportionate share of the health insurance premiums.
2. For all other participants, you must enroll in an automatic bank draft for payment of the monthly insurance premiums to the Conference office.
3. The Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits will pay for up to five years (60 months) ½ of the Health Insurance premium for a surviving spouse under age 65 and dependents unless covered by another plan or serving as a clergy under a full-time appointment, charge or Conference controlled agency.

C. NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS- If a participant's health coverage has been discontinued for non-payment of premium, reinstatement will not be permitted for one full year and will only be permitted if they meet all the requirements for coverage eligibility. Payment of the amount in arrears plus one month payment in advance must be remitted before reinstatement. The person must also meet all eligibility requirements to be reinstated.

D. REINSTATEMENT TO THE PLANS-Active Participants previously covered under this Plan whose coverage ceases and are then re-hired and become an eligible Employee shall have coverage again and for any previously covered eligible Dependents, subject to all plan provisions required of a new Employee.

E. REPORTING HEALTH CLAIMS - Claims must be filed within one year from the date of service to be considered eligible for payment. Information on where to file claims is on the insurance cards. For further information regarding benefits and claims, first contact Customer Service at the number on your card, and, if not satisfied, contact the Conference Office of Administrative Ministries at (225) 346-1646.

F. RETIREES-POSTRETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFIT OFFERING FOR LOUISIANA CONFERENCE CLERGY

Background

The Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (CBOPHB) has adopted a health benefit offering for all of the Louisiana Conference retired clergy, current and future, and their spouses upon reaching Medicare age eligibility.

The benefits are managed under a partnership with a “Private Exchange” entity, Via Benefits, (under Wespeth’s management) where each eligible retiree participant will have one on one consultation to select from multiple Medicare supplement (or Medicare Advantage) plans customized to their individual needs and budget.

Each eligible clergy and their spouse receive a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) annual subsidy administrated by Via Benefits, to assist in the purchase and payment of premiums for the Medicare supplement plans, or Medicare Advantage plans in the Private Exchange, or, to fund any eligible health care related costs they incur.

For Louisiana Conference retirees who were employed on or after January 1, 2020, there shall be a **10-year full time** service requirement in the Louisiana Conference by clergy and/or their spouse to be eligible to receive the retiree health benefit HRA subsidy upon reaching age 65. All existing Louisiana Conference clergy eligible under the previous retiree health plan are grandfathered into the new plan. If a Medicare age eligible retiree as defined above elects not to enroll in a Medicare supplement or Advantage plan through Via Benefits, then the HRA subsidy benefit is permanently forfeited. Further, if a Louisiana Conference retiree is not Medicare age eligible at retirement, then he/she, and/or their age ineligible spouse, must stay enrolled in the Conference plan and bear the premium cost personally. At the point either the retired clergy or his/her spouse attain Medicare age eligibility, then they will also be eligible for the HRA subsidy.

Funding the Louisiana Conference Retiree Health Benefit Offering (HRA Subsidy)

On October 26, 2023, the CBOPHB elected to increase the HRA annual subsidy for 2024 from \$1,560 per person per year to \$1,800, or \$3,600 for a clergy and spouse. Currently, the designated assets for postretirement health benefits exceed the corresponding projected actuarial liability. The CBOPHB recommends that the amount of the annual subsidy be considered at least biennially (every two years) in conjunction with the required actuarial valuation of the benefit offering liability. Increases to the subsidy will be weighed to correlate with the available retiree health benefit asset reserve funds, keeping a modest surplus for unexpected negative investment performance. **Please note, the HRA subsidy is only available through enrollment with Via Benefits under the Louisiana Conference sponsorship. In the event a retiree and/or their spouse inadvertently enrolls in a Medicare Supplement or Advantage plan outside of the Louisiana plan with Via Benefits, then HRA subsidy benefits shall be permanently terminated.**

6. PAID TIME OFF BENEFIT

This policy is to be printed each year in the Journal of the Louisiana Conference.

- A. **Vacation** - This Vacation Policy for Clergy is to standardize clergy vacations across the Conference. The policy is for clergy appointed within the bounds of the Louisiana Conference.

Time used for Continuing Education, as defined by *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church and according to the rules set by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, shall not be considered as vacation time or used in lieu of vacation time. Vacation time is on a conference year basis. Vacation time not used in one year cannot be carried over into the next year.

Vacation chart:

	CONFERENCE REALTIONSHIP	TIME OF SERVICE	VACATION TIME
(1)	Full-Time Local Pastor in process, Attending the four week Course of Study		2 weeks paid
(2)	Full-time Clergy (Full Members, Provisional Members, Assoc. Members, Full Connection Deacons, FTLP)	5 years or less	2 weeks paid
(2)	Part time Local Pastors	5 years or less	1 week including 1 Sunday paid
(3)	Full-time Clergy (Full Members, Provisional Members, Assoc. Members, Full Connection Deacons, FTLP)	5 years + 1 day through completion of 9 years of service	3 weeks paid
(3)	Part-time Local Pastors	5 years + 1 day through completion of 9 years of service	2 weeks including 2 Sundays paid
(4)	Full-time Clergy (Full Members, Provisional Members, Assoc. Members, Full Connection Deacons, FTLP)	10 years or more of service	4 weeks paid
(4)	Part-time Local Pastors	10 years or more of service	3 weeks including 3 Sundays paid

NOTE: Years of service refer to years of service in a Conference(s) of the United Methodist Church, not years of service in the local church to which the clergy is appointed. These years of service include years under appointment to Seminary or beyond the local church.

B. Other Paid time off

1. The Conference's policy is that each local church's Pastor-Parish Relations Committee establish a days' off policy with the pastor(s) of the charge. For a full time appointment, the minimum standard for days off is as follows: 2 days per week and 2 nights per week. Additionally the local church should adopt a reasonable holiday schedule for clergy and church office hours. Lastly, the pastor should be allowed time each week for prayer and study.
2. If an honorarium is given to a guest pastor while the appointed pastor is on vacation, it shall be paid by the local church and not from that pastor's compensation.
3. Churches should encourage their pastor(s) to participate in physical exercise programs, good nutrition programs, and to get regular checkups with their doctors.

7. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE BENEFIT

- A. All active clergy in any relationship – PTLP, FTLP, AM, PE, PD, Full Connection, or retired clergy if serving an appointment to a charge or conference controlled agency – shall be offered at least 30 days for bereavement leave (BL) for the death of a spouse or child. The District Superintendent shall initiate this process by informing the bereaved clergy of the availability of bereavement leave.
- B. Bereavement leave will be in addition to vacation time, continuing education time and days off. The local church or conference agency to which the clergy is appointed shall continue to provide salary and housing, as well as pension and insurance payments during the bereavement leave. The clergy will have ninety (90) days, beginning the day after the memorial/funeral service, in which to begin the bereavement leave. Details - pulpit supply, covering hospitals, etc. - will be worked out in conjunction with the District Superintendent and S/PPR chair. The clergy may use the bereavement leave in one block or some smaller blocks of time as he/she wishes, but must complete it within six months of the funeral/memorial service.
- C. In many cases the congregation will have its own resources to secure appropriate pastoral leadership during the bereavement leave, but if the District Superintendent and S/PPR determine that financial assistance is needed to provide a supply pastor, the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits will provide a maximum of \$400 per week depending on whether the appointment is part or full time, and the responsibilities expected of the supply pastor. The Conference office will disburse any funds from the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits to the supply pastor. Counseling is available at no cost to all clergy by a confidential request to the Associate Director of Clergy Excellence, Rev. Ali Young at ayoung@la-umc.org.

8. RETIREE MOVING EXPENSE BENEFIT

The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits provides a one-time moving expense reimbursement benefit for full elders, provisional elders, associate members and full-time local pastors presently under appointment who are retiring. **Current tax laws require that all such reimbursements be considered taxable income by the recipient of the benefit. A Form 1099 will be issued to each retired clergy receiving the reimbursement of moving expenses.** This is a one-time benefit and must be used within one year of the date of retirement. The maximum amount of the benefit is \$6,000. In the event a clergy couple retires, there is only one \$6,000 benefit unless the clergy couple is living in two different homes/parsonages in two different cities in their last appointments. If one member of a clergy couple retires and the other clergy couple member will continue in active status, a benefit is only due if the clergy retiring has been living in a separate home/parsonage in a separate city from the clergy spouse not retiring.

Please refer to the form with detailed instructions on the website under the Finance—Important Forms at:

www.la-umc.org/files/1st+floor/v03-20-2024+-+memo+and+forms+for+moving+expenses.pdf

to request reimbursement. Receipts for all expenses must be attached to the form before payment will be processed. Please submit the form and supporting receipts to: Louisiana Conference Office, Attn: Sandy O'Brien, 527 North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or email at sobrien@la-umc.org.

9. OTHER BENEFITS

- A. **The Shepherd's Fund** is a special benefit that was created by a private anonymous donor to offer help for retired United Methodist ministers and their spouses (or widows) who are encountering a financial challenge brought on by a health issue. The benefit provides up to \$10,000 per person per year to help with bills and other financial concerns relating to a medical event. **Please contact the Benefits Office, either Sandy O'Brien or Michele Giarrusso, to find out more about how to apply for these funds.**
- B. The Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits provides a moving expense benefit for the surviving annuitant(s) of an active clergy who dies while under appointment in a full connection, associate, provisional or a full-time local pastor relationship. This benefit is for the same amount and under the same conditions as the benefit outlined above for retiring pastors. **Effective January 1, 2018, the IRS has determined that receipt of these types of benefits is considered taxable income to the recipient.**
- C. It has been the practice of the CBOPHB to provide each retiree or surviving spouse with a printed copy of the annual Journal. Over the years, the cost of producing and mailing the Journals to retirees has increased significantly since the Conference has moved to a digital website format for the Journal for the Annual Conference membership at large. The CBOPHB requests retirees to consider utilizing the online version of the Journal. The online version is a complete Journal except for the names and addresses for clergy and families that cannot legally be published on the website. If the retirees would like to receive the portion of the printed Journal that only has the clergies' names and addresses information, please contact Ms. Kyle Wooldridge at 225-346-1646. The CBOPHB appreciates this assistance with the savings realized from not printing and mailing the entire Journal to the retirees.

10. PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLERGY RETIREMENT AND WELFARE PLANS

Wespath Benefits and Investments has notified the Conference that there are several proposed changes to the clergy retirement and welfare plans to be presented at the General Conference 2024. Most of the proposed changes, if approved, will not be effective until January 1, 2026. Further, there will be no impact to the current retirees benefits or amounts. All of these proposed changes will affect only clergy who are still actively serving and earning retirement service credit. Once General Conference has ended, Wespath has promised to communicate the changes to all clergy through various written video and other formats. The Conference will also communicate in a timely and comprehensive manner to educate and inform all parties of the final changes.

END OF REPORT II

REPORT III - RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions in form and content are outlined below for adoption or adaptation in the local church as applicable:

1. Clergy Retirement Security Plan (CRSP) and Conference-Sponsored UMPIP Plan Pensions Resolution Form
2. Health Care Plan Resolution Form
3. Rental/Housing Allowance for Retired, Disabled, or former clergy of the Louisiana Conference Form

See Documents 1., 2., 3., on the next pages

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1. LOUISIANA CONFERENCE LOCAL CHURCH CLERGY RETIREMENT SECURITY PLAN AND CONFERENCE-SPONSORED UMPIP PLAN PENSIONS RESOLUTION FORM

[This document shall be a part of stated business of every Charge Conference to be read and executed in the presence of the other members of the Charge Conference.]

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference voted in 2006 to participate in the Clergy Retirement Security Plan of the United Methodist Church that took effect 1/1/07, and,

WHEREAS, Participants shall be all Clergy serving under Episcopal appointment to a Louisiana Conference charge or Louisiana Conference-controlled agency of the Louisiana Conference including Full and Provisional Elders and Deacons, Associate Members, Local Pastors, Other Elders and Other Fellowship and,

WHEREAS, the General Conference Legislation of 2012, no longer requires participants that serve less than full time appointments to participate in the CRSP plan, effective 1/1/14, and;

WHEREAS, the General Conference Legislation of 2012, no longer provides the CRSP plan for participants serving less than half (1/2) time, effective 1/1/14, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference voted in 2013, effective 1/1/14, for participants serving at least half (1/2) time under Episcopal appointment to a charge or a Louisiana Conference-controlled agency including Full and Provisional Elders and Deacons, Associate Members, Local Pastors, Other Elders and Other Fellowship shall participate in Wespeth Benefits and Investment's Clergy Retirement Security Plan (CRSP) plan, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference voted in 2013, effective 1/1/14, for participants serving less than half (1/2) time under Episcopal appointment to a Louisiana Conference charge or Louisiana Conference-controlled agency including Full and Provisional Elders and Deacons, Associate Members, Local Pastors, Other Elders and Other Fellowship shall participate in Wespeth's La.Conference-Sponsored United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP), and;

WHEREAS, "pension benefits" have been legally determined to be "deferred compensation."

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church does hereby accept full ethical, moral and legal responsibility for the payment in full of monthly billed pension premiums for the pastor(s) assigned to said church, and,

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church will pay the monthly billed pension premiums in a timely manner, and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ United Methodist Church understands that failure to pay the monthly billed pension premiums in full will be taken into consideration relative to whether the congregation is financially able to support a pastor(s) in the future.

Church Lay Leader:

Church Council Chair:

Finance Chair:

Staff Parish Chair:

Pastor(s) *(If more than one pastor, all must sign)*

District Superintendent:

Date of Charge Conference at which this document was executed:

END OF RESOLUTION

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2. LOUISIANA CONFERENCE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS RESOLUTION

Originally Passed first on 10/16/04 at Annual Conference Special Session and Adopted Through This Report Again

WHEREAS, ¶ 604.13 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* states, "The annual conference may choose to adopt a conference wide plan for compensation of pastors and such a plan shall provide the method for setting and funding the salaries, and/or other compensation elements as specified in the plan, of the pastors appointed to the charges of the Conference," and;

WHEREAS, health care benefits for clergy and their families are considered to be an essential element of clergy compensation, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Conference has established a health care plan to provide this essential element of clergy compensation, and;

WHEREAS, support of the Louisiana Conference Health Plan is a fiduciary responsibility of a local church, and;

WHEREAS, each church in the Louisiana Conference will be apportioned on an amount to be determined annually by the Conference for the support of the Conference health plan, and;

WHEREAS, the primary cost of the Conference health plan for full time clergy should be equitably shared by all churches that receive full time clergy appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT in order to be eligible to receive a full-time appointment, a charge or Conference affiliated ministry, shall agree to support the Conference health plan by fully funding one composite health care premium for each full-time clergy appointment, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in multiple church charges the cost of the composite premium shall be proportionally divided among the churches on the charge, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT failure to fully fund the health care premium shall be taken into consideration relative to whether or not a charge/Conference Affiliated Ministry is financially able to support the full-time pastor(s) in the future.

END OF RESOLUTION

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3. RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO RENTAL/HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR RETIRED, DISABLED, OR FORMER CLERGYPERSONS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE (THE “CONFERENCE”) ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the “Church”), of which this Conference is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church and Conference

WHEREAS, the practice of the Church and of this Conference was and is to provide active Clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation;

WHEREAS, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons are considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, terminated, and disabled Clergypersons in consideration of previous active service; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conference (or its predecessors) as an appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were members of this Conference and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT an amount equal to 100% of the pension, severance, or disability payments received from plans authorized under *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (the “*Discipline*”), which includes all such payments from Wespeth, during the period January 1 through December 31, 2024, and January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 by each active, retired, terminated, or disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the Conference, or its predecessors, be and hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson; and

THAT the pension, severance, or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance designation applies will be any pension, severance, or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the *Discipline*, including such payments from Wespeth and from a commercial annuity company that provides an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a Wespeth plan, annuity, or fund authorized under the *Discipline*, that result from any service a Clergyperson rendered to this Conference or that an active, a retired, a terminated, or a disabled Clergyperson of this Conference rendered to any local church, annual conference of the Church, general agency of the Church, other institution of the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the Church, or any other employer that employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or its predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan, annuity, or fund for such an active, a retired, a terminated, or a disabled Clergyperson’s pension, severance, or disability plan benefit as part of his or her gross compensation.

NOTE: The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson’s gross income in any year for federal (and, in most cases, state) income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2), and regulations thereunder, to the least of: (a) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the Clergyperson’s employer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this Conference in the foregoing resolutions) for such year; (b) the amount actually expended by the Clergyperson to rent or provide a home in such year; or (c) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such year. Each clergyperson or former clergyperson is urged to consult with his or her own tax advisor to determine what deferred compensation is eligible to be claimed as a housing allowance exclusion.

END OF RESOLUTION

End of CBOPHB Reports

All reports are submitted by the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits for consideration and adoption by the Annual Conference. The effect of approving this complete report at Annual Conference is the adoption of all the recommendations and policies outlined herein.

Richard Humphries, Chair
Sandy O’Brien, Conference Benefits Officer
Van Stinson, Cabinet Liaison

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS (CBOT)

REPORT I

The CBOT's work resulted in the disposition/sale of several properties and revenues raised of \$380,000 for the period June 15, 2023 through May 31, 2024. The net revenues for these sales were \$346,808 after third party sales commission, and closed church expenses totaling \$33,192. The sales proceeds are held in trust by the Board of Trustees for the benefit of the Annual Conference in accordance with the requirements specified in the Book of Discipline under Paragraph 2549.7.

The CBOT's Financial Activities for the year ended December 31, 2023 are reflected as part of the CFA Report II Item 13. A.

REPORT II

In accordance with the 2016 Book of Discipline regarding the sales, donations or other changes in ownership of church properties, the Conference Board of Trustees (CBOT) reports the following transactions have occurred since June 16, 2023 through May 31, 2024:

1. Property Purchased:

None

2. Movables Purchased:

None

3. Property Sold as follows:

District	Perma- nent GCFA #	Conf ID #	Real Property Description	Physical Address	Action	Parties
Lake Charles- Acadiana	712206	4390	Oberlin UMC –church (closed at 11/2020 Annual Conference)	302 East Sixth Avenue, Oberlin, LA 70655	Sold 8/8/2023 for \$40,000	Sold to Ross Michael Murray and Kaeleigh Aucoin Murray
New Orleans	974820	7350	Newell UMC – church and education building (closed 8/2023)	229/235 LaMarque St., Mandeville, LA 70448	Sold 5/7/2024 for \$340,000	John Curtis Crane and Amy Jane Ross Crane

4. Property Donated:

CORRECTION to the 2022 Journal – Donation

The CBOT Report II for the 2022 Journal indicates that Arizona United Methodist Church (GCFA# 715073), 608 Arizona Rd., Homer, LA 70140 was donated to Camp Caney. This donation was approved by CBOT with certain conditions which were ultimately not met by Camp Caney. Therefore, the legal transfer and Act of Donation was never effected and executed.

4. Property Donated(continued)

District	Permanent GCFA #	Conf ID #	Church	Physical Address	Action
Shreveport	140232	9750	Legacy/Love Chapel UMC property	2001 Forest Hills Blvd, Haughton, LA 71037-7475	End of Missional life - Par 2549 closed, Act of Donation to CBOT filed
New Orleans	974820	7350	Newell UMC	229 LaMarque St., Mandeville, LA 70448	End of Missional life - Par 2549 closed, Act of Donation to CBOT filed
Lake Charles-Acadiana	711383	1270	Mathews Memorial IMC	201 Central Lafourche, Mathews, LA 70375	End of Missional life - Par 2549 closed, Act of Donation to CBOT filed
Alexandria	715780	9060	Hall Summitt UMC	6021 Conley Ave., Hall Summit, LA 71034	End of Missional life - Par 2549 closed, Act of Donation to CBOT filed
Alexandria	709128	2050	Trinity UMC, Alexandria	5752 Bayou Rapides Rd., Alexandria, LA 71303-7729	End of Missional life - Par 2549 closed, Act of Donation to CBOT filed

5. Property Leased:

District	Permanent GCFA #	Conference ID #	Church	Address
<u>New Orleans</u>	713553	6120	El Mesias UMC	420 W. Esplanade, Kenner, LA 70065 leased to independent church, Shalom Pentecostal Church, month to month \$2,200.00 per month.
<u>Alexandria</u>	715780	9060	Hall Summit UMC parsonage	6021 Conley Ave., Hall Summit, LA 71034 parsonage leased to an individual on a month to month basis at \$550.00 per month.

6. Property Returned to Heirs (reversionary clause in deed):
None7. Churches Merged as follows:

None

8. Churches for Closure as follows for the period 6/15/2023 through 5/31/2024**FOURTEEN RESOLUTIONS AS FOLLOWS:****RESOLUTION ONE**
For CLOSURE:**Lutcher United Methodist Church, Lutcher, LA – New Orleans District**

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the New Orleans District Superintendent, Rev. Karli Pidgeon, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that the Lutcher United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 713600; Conference ID 3300) with a municipal address of 2347 Texas Street, Lutcher, LA 70071 should **be closed under “exigent circumstances” ¶2549**; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the New Orleans District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop Delores Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church that Lutcher United Methodist Church in the New Orleans District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Lutcher United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION TWO

For CLOSURE:

James Chapel United Methodist Church, Holden, LA – Baton Rouge District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Baton Rouge District Superintendent, Rev. Karli Pidgeon, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that James Chapel United Methodist Church, (GCFA Permanent ID 710515; Conference ID 7260) with a municipal address of 28200 James Chapel Rd., Holden, LA 70744 should be **closed under “exigent circumstances” ¶2549**; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Baton Rouge District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that James Chapel United Methodist Church in the Baton Rouge District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the James Chapel United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION THREE

For CLOSURE:

Haughton United Methodist Church, Haughton, LA – Shreveport District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Shreveport District Superintendent, Rev. Thomas Dolph, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Haughton United Methodist Church, (GCFA Permanent ID 715803; Conference ID 9690) with a municipal address of 215 E. McKinley Ave., Haughton, LA 71037 should be closed **under “exigent circumstances” ¶2549**; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Shreveport District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Haughton United Methodist Church in the Shreveport District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Haughton United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION FOUR

For CLOSURE:

Atlanta United Methodist Church, Atlanta, LA – Alexandria District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Alexandria District Superintendent, Rev. Thomas Dolph, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Atlanta United Methodist Church, (GCFA Permanent ID 709631; Conference ID 2070) with a municipal address of 12732 Main Street, Atlanta, LA 71402 should be closed **under “exigent circumstances” ¶2549**; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Alexandria District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Atlanta United Methodist Church in the Alexandria District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Atlanta United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION FIVE

For CLOSURE:

New Hope United Methodist Church, Spillman, LA – Baton Rouge District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Baton Rouge District Superintendent, Rev. Karli Pidgeon, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that New Hope United Methodist Church, (GCFA Permanent ID 710732; Conference ID 3560) with a municipal address of 12859 LA Hwy 421, Spillman, LA, 70775 (or LA Hwy 421, Jackson, LA 70748) should be closed **under “exigent circumstances” ¶2549**; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Baton Rouge District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that New Hope United Methodist Church in the Baton Rouge District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the New Hope United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION SIX

For CLOSURE:

Concord United Methodist Church, Spillman, LA – Baton Rouge District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Baton Rouge District Superintendent, Rev. Karli Pidgeon, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Concord United Methodist Church, (GCFA Permanent ID 710710; Conference ID 3570) with a municipal address of 9651 LA Hwy 421, Spillman, LA, 70775 (or LA Hwy 421, Jackson, LA 70748) should be closed **under “exigent circumstances” ¶2549**; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Baton Rouge District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution: **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Concord United Methodist Church in the Baton Rouge District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Concord United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION SEVEN

For CLOSURE:

Ansley United Methodist Church (Union Church), Ruston, LA – Monroe District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Monroe District Superintendent, Rev. Tom Dolph, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Ansley United Methodist Church (Union Church), (GCFA Permanent ID 714444; Conference ID 8010) with a municipal address of 318 Ansley Rd., Ruston, LA 71270 should be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Monroe District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Ansley United Methodist Church (Union Church) in the Monroe District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Ansley United Methodist Church (Union Church) under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION EIGHT

For CLOSURE:

Legacy United Methodist Church (formerly Embrace which merged with Love Chapel United Methodist Church), Haughton, LA – Shreveport District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Shreveport District Superintendent, Rev. Tom Dolph, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Legacy United Methodist Church (formerly Embrace which merged with Love Chapel United Methodist Church) (GCFA Permanent ID 140232; Conference ID 9750) with a municipal address of 2001 Forest Hills Blvd., Haughton, LA 71037 should be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Shreveport District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Legacy United Methodist Church (formerly Embrace which merged with Love Chapel United Methodist Church) in the Shreveport District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Legacy United Methodist Church (formerly Embrace which merged with Love Chapel United Methodist Church) under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION NINE
For CLOSURE:

Newell United Methodist Church, Mandeville, LA – New Orleans District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the New Orleans District Superintendent, Rev. Karli Pidgeon, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Newell United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 974820; Conference ID 7350 with a municipal address of 229 LaMARque St., Mandeville, LA 70448 should be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the New Orleans District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Newell United Methodist Church in the New Orleans District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Newell United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION TEN
For CLOSURE:

Mathews Memorial United Methodist Church, Mathews, LA – Lake Charles-Acadiana District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Lake Charles-Acadiana District Superintendent, Rev. Frances Hooton, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Mathews Memorial United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 711383; Conference ID 1270 with a municipal address of 201 Central Lafourche, Mathews, LA 70375 should be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Lake Charles-Acadiana District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Mathews Memorial United Methodist Church in the Lake Charles-Acadiana District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Mathews Memorial United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION ELEVEN
For CLOSURE:

Hall Summit United Methodist Church, Hall Summit, LA – Alexandria District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Alexandria District Superintendent, Rev. Tom Dolph, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Hall Summit United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 715780; Conference ID 9060 with a municipal address of 6021 Conley Ave., Hall Summit, LA 71034 should be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Alexandria District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Hall Summit United Methodist Church in the Alexandria District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Hall Summit United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION TWELVE

For CLOSURE:

Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, LA – Alexandria District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Alexandria District Superintendent, Rev. Frances Hooton, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria (GCFA Permanent ID 709128; Conference ID 2050) with a municipal address of 5752 Bayou Rapides Rd., Alexandria, LA 713033 should be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Alexandria District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria in the Alexandria District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION THIRTEEN

For CLOSURE:

Pelican United Methodist Church, Pelican, LA – Alexandria District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Alexandria District Superintendent, Rev. Tom Dolph, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Pelican United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 716000; Conference ID 9280) with a municipal address of 124 Jackson Ave., Pelican, LA 71063 should be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Alexandria District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Pelican United Methodist Church in the Alexandria District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Pelican United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

RESOLUTION FOURTEEN

For CLOSURE:

Colquitt United Methodist Church, Colquitt, LA – Shreveport District

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Shreveport District Superintendent, Rev. Tom Dolph, after having followed the required provisions of *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Colquitt United Methodist Church (GCFA Permanent ID 714934; Conference ID 8610) with a municipal address of 8590 Hwy 2 Alt., Haynesville, LA 71038 should be closed; and

WHEREAS, this decision and action has been approved by the Shreveport District Board of Church Location and Building, the presiding Bishop, Delores J. Williamston, and the unanimous District Superintendents of the Louisiana Conference; the Conference Board of Trustees presents this resolution: **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, in Annual Conference assembled, in accordance with *The Book of Discipline 2016* of the United Methodist Church, that Colquitt United Methodist Church in the Shreveport District is now CLOSED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference, through two of its members, be authorized to use or to dispose of all properties of the Colquitt United Methodist Church under such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem meet and proper.

All of the above resolutions presented for approval and adoption,
Respectfully Submitted by Michele Sauls
President Conference Board of Trustees

END of the Conference Board of Trustees Report

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Reports to Annual Conference

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REPORT I – Finance and Administration Policies and Related Matters

The people and churches of the Louisiana Conference, along with United Methodists around the world, are making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We use our financial blessings from God to live in line with God's purposes for all creation as we create our preferred future in our homes, our churches, our local communities in Louisiana and around the world. The Council on Finance and Administration and the Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries' office are available to assist local church pastors and laity any way they can. If you wish for an explanation of the Conference Apportionment Budget or any specific apportionment item within it, please refer to the most recent Conference Journal on the website at www.la-umc.org, or call or write the Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries.

1. The Council reminds all congregations of the importance of STEWARDSHIP in the life of all Christians. When we are good stewards, managing God's blessings God's way for God's glory, we are in line with Christ's commandment to love God and love neighbor. Christ calls His disciples to give as an act of worship of God.
2. Paragraph 630.5e of the 2016 Book of Discipline lists among the responsibilities of the Conference Discipleship Team "to interpret the biblical and theological basis of stewardship" and "to educate the local church that tithing is the minimum goal of giving in the United Methodist Church." CFA calls upon the Conference Discipleship and District Discipleship Teams to consider methods of assisting congregations in developing a process of education in the areas of stewardship and to work with the United Methodist Foundation in this regard. The intent of this request is to enhance the spiritual growth of our members and the ministry of Jesus Christ done in our local congregations, our conference and our world ministries through the United Methodist Church.
3. Collections of apportionments for the Conference budget will be allocated to individual line items in the budget according to the percentage of the total budget for that line item. The Annual Conference grants CFA the authority to change the process of allocation of Conference apportionments and collections during the year to maintain operations of the Conference Office and its ministry areas upon a majority approval of sitting CFA members' approval at a duly called CFA meeting.
4. In the event apportionment monies are collected from a local church for prior (closed) years, those monies shall be retained by the Board of Trustees in a designated fund account for use in maintaining and repairing closed church property held by the Trustees for sale. Apportionment monies collected for future (not yet opened) years' apportionment obligations shall be designated by the Council on Finance and Administration for future years' apportionment expenditures. CFA can elect to use or distribute future years' apportionment collections to maintain operations of the Conference Office and its ministry areas.
5. Through December 31, 2022, collections received for the Districts' apportionments for the six (6) Districts' budgets are allocated to each respective District. Each District's Finance Committee has the authority to change the process of allocation for their District's apportionments and collections during the year. Commencing with the adoption of the 2023 (and forward) "one apportionment" budget, which combines the Conference and the Districts' apportionments, all collections will be allocated on ratio of budget line items.
6. The Council recommends a continued emphasis by all churches on Advance Specials, both General Advance and Conference Advance Specials. All churches are recommended to pay in full their designated apportionments before appropriating funds for second-mile projects.
7. The Council recommends that the Annual Conference grants permission to:
 - Centenary College and Dillard University to make an appeal for every church in the Conference to send a "paid student" to the institutions.
 - allow the Bishop to call for any special offering needed to address a natural disaster
 - The Council on Finance and Administration to approve special offerings to be taken during Annual Conference sessions in 2024.

By adoption of this report by the Annual Conference such permission is given.

8. The Council recommends that the pastoral charge consider for each clergy an accountable reimbursable amount of \$7,200 for Pastor's Travel/Professional Expense (including Annual Conference Session expenses) and an amount of \$7,200 for Utilities/Furnishings Expense. The Council reminds churches that only Accountable Reimbursable Plans are to be used for Clergy Compensation. Non-accountable reimbursement plans are not permitted. The amount of accountable reimbursement expenses allowed for a clergy should be based on 1) an estimated total of eligible professional, travel and meal expenditures incurred by the clergy in performing church business, and 2) an amount the Local Church Finance Committee, in consultation with the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations (S/PPR) committee, deems reasonable for the church's overall financial resources.
9. The Council recommends that the Pastoral Charge pay the Travel, Housing and Meal expenses of its Annual Conference Members (Lay and Clergy) to attend the in-person Annual Conference Session.
10. The Council has considered the Report of the Committee on Moving Expenses and concurs in its recommendation to the Annual Conference. Churches are asked to budget \$2,000 each year up to an accumulated reserve of \$6,000. Money not used for moving should be placed in an escrow account to insure such funds are available when needed. When the moving expenses amount requested for reimbursement exceeds \$6,000, the clergy should be responsible to pay the amount over the recommended amount.
11. The Council reminds the clergy of the Conference who will move to another charge that they are to accept salary and expense reimbursement (including Annual Conference Session reimbursements) through the end of the appointment year (June 30) from the charge they are presently serving. The salary, benefits and expenses for the new appointment begin July 1 with the new appointment year.
12. The Council recommends that all clergy under appointment be compensated semi-monthly. All churches should issue a W-2 form (in accordance with requirements outlined under the Internal Revenue Code, and not a Form 1099) for ordained, commissioned, licensed, in seminary, or in course of study clergy appointed to the church. Churches and clergy are also reminded that bonuses and gifts are to be included on W-2 forms. Additionally, moving expenses reimbursed to, or paid on behalf of, a clergy are considered taxable income. Any such amount must be included on the clergy's W-2 Form as compensation. This information will also be reported to Wespath Benefits and Investments for purposes of determining each clergy's Plan Compensation and corresponding pension obligation on these amounts. The Conference Benefits office will contact each church with a clergy move to provide such information.
13. The Council reminds churches that they are not required to withhold and remit federal or state income taxes for the clergy person, although a clergy person can request such withholding. Churches and clergy are also reminded that FICA (Social Security) and Medicare taxes are never to be withheld for clergy. CFA also recommends that all local churches prepare and file the quarterly Form 941 payroll tax reports for compensation paid to clergy. The IRS matches these Form 941s with the clergy's annual W-2's and discrepancies are required to be reconciled. Failure to file these forms could result in significant penalties imposed by the IRS. In the event a layperson is appointed to serve a church on a supply basis, that individual is not considered clergy, and not eligible for clergy housing or utility allowances. Furthermore, a lay supply pastor is to be treated as any other lay employee subject to income tax withholdings, including FICA (Social Security) and Medicare taxes for both the employee and employer (church) portions, and the corresponding Form 941s prepared, filed timely, and payment remitted for any taxes withheld or due. Any federal or state income taxes withheld for clergy or laity must be remitted promptly in accordance with Internal Revenue Service payroll tax requirements. Failure to pay these payroll taxes could result in significant late payment or failure to file penalties imposed by the IRS.
14. To comply with federal income tax regulations, we recommend that the Annual Conference declare by adoption of this report that the utilities and other housing expenses on the Conference Clergy employees' residences and the utilities allowances for the district superintendents be a part of each person's cash compensation as "Housing Allowance." The parsonages presently or in the future owned or leased by the Conference Board of Trustees are declared parsonages for the housing of the district superintendent assigned primarily to that area. The adoption of this report equates to such declaration.
15. Hancock Whitney National Bank and J. P. Morgan Chase Bank are designated as the principal depositories for general operating funds of the Louisiana Conference. All excess cash flow, contingency and surplus funds shall be invested with the United Methodist Foundation. Authority to open accounts is given to the Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries and the Chair of the Council on Finance and Administration of the Louisiana Conference. Authorized signatures on the accounts and deposit boxes are

to be the Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries, representative(s) of the CFA designated by CFA, designated conference office director(s) and employees as named by CFA, and the Senior Pastor of First UMC, Baton Rouge.

16. The Council shall primarily use the Investment Committee of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana (the Foundation) to assist in the overall investment management of Conference funds. CFA encourages local churches and other connectional agencies to use the Foundation for investment purposes. The Council in concert with the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (CBOPHB) has formed a Conference Investment Advisory Committee (CIAC) with the following members: CFA Chair, CBOHPB Chair, and two at-large CFA members. The Treasurer, a Cabinet liaison, and the CEO of the Foundation serve as ex-officio members of the Conference Investment Advisory Committee. The CIAC convenes semi-annually to review the invested funds and make recommendations regarding the allocation, performance and placement of investments of the Conference, and reports thereon to CFA and CBOPHB. See Note 20. c. below.
17. The Council reminds all persons, clergy and lay, handling funds in local churches to adhere to Paragraph 258.4(f) of the 2016 *The Book of Discipline* that states: "Contributions designated for specific causes and objects shall be promptly forwarded according to the intent of the donor and shall not be used for any other purpose." This reminder is made by CFA although local churches and institutions are presently and have always been responsible for the proper use of funds.
18. Each Council, Board, Team, Commission, Committee, etc. of the Conference receiving funding from the Conference shall designate one person, other than the chairperson, as the Finance Officer. The Finance Officer shall keep for that board or agency a current record of financial transactions involving the budget receipts and expenditures for that body. The Finance Officer shall receive all vouchers from members and shall approve and submit them to the Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries. Vouchers must be specific, in detail, accompanied by the appropriate receipts, and must bear the signed approval of the Finance Officer. The Finance Officer shall in turn submit them to the Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries within three weeks. To assist the Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries in closing the books and setting up books for a new fiscal year, all Finance Officers must have final vouchers of said entity in the Finance Office by 4 pm on Thursday, December 28, 2023.
19. The Travel and Incidental Expense Reimbursement Request Policy for Conference Boards and Agencies is as follows:

Voucher Form- A Form for reimbursement requests for travel and incidental expenses can be obtained on the Conference Web site at:

<https://louisiana-email.brtaapp.com/files/finances/official%2bvoucher%2bpolicy%2band%2bform+new.pdf>

Travel – Within the State of Louisiana – Travel Expense for Conference Councils, Boards, Teams, Commissions and Committees and Agencies is set at a maximum of 35 cents per mile. When three or more members are traveling together, a maximum of 40 cents per mile will be paid. Regardless of the mode of travel used, the maximum of 35 cents per mile will still apply. Beyond the state, the most economical mode of travel must be used with this provision with a maximum annual amount of \$500 allowed for eligible individuals who reside outside the state boundaries to attend regular meetings of their conference entity. A Conference agency may vote to increase this amount if the members choose to make an exception due to the specific need for participation by a particular member. This limit applies only to travel and not to per diem lodging and meal costs. All air travel must be supported by the air ticket stub and must be the cheapest available for reasonable times of travel.

Lodging and Meals – Reimbursement for lodging expenses will be made for the actual amount of expenses incurred. Moderately priced hotel or motel accommodations must be used. An itemized bill must accompany the request for reimbursement. Reimbursement will be made for meals for the actual expense incurred, but not for entertainment or room service. Any meals exceeding \$5 must be supported by an itemized receipt (this includes that if there is room service on a room the itemized bill for the room service must be submitted, not just a hotel bill stating room service). Those submitting vouchers for hotel and food reimbursements are to use good stewardship to keep costs at a minimum.

Other (including incidental expenses) – Reimbursement requests for all other approved incidental expenditures with supporting documentation can be submitted on this line of the Expense Reimbursement Request Form. Please note that these expenses must be approved by appropriate Conference personnel before it is incurred, otherwise reimbursement will not be paid.

20. All institutions and agencies receiving funds from the Conference are required to submit a financial statement at the end of each calendar year. (Per Par 617.2 of the Book of Discipline and Conference Rules for Rule on Annual Audits).
21. The Annual Conference grants the amendment of the budget and the use of monies in the Conference General (unrestricted or undesignated) Reserve Fund as follows: (1) The Director of Administrative Ministries/Treasurer is authorized to pay apportionment salary, benefits or accountable reimbursement amounts in the adopted budget for which sufficient apportionments are not collected; (2) CFA (based upon a majority of sitting CFA members' approval at a duly called CFA meeting) can access the General Reserve Fund for purposes CFA deems meet and necessary. Any such action will be reported to the next Annual Conference and subject to ratification by the Annual Conference.

The Council has updated the reserves policy for clarity, and accurate administration and accounting.

- a. A balance at the close of the fiscal year in any budget line item or any funds collected (with the exceptions set forth below) shall be closed into the Conference General Reserve Fund to be used in a future need, including a disaster or catastrophe, liabilities that are the result of severe market decline, lawsuit, litigation, a decline in overall apportionment payouts, collection of apportionments at less than apportioned amounts for salaries and benefits budgeted, or other matters of an unanticipated and emergency nature.

The Council on Finance and Administration believes that an amount equal to six months of the current annual apportionment budget is acceptable for the General (Unrestricted/Undesignated) Reserve Funds account. Unrealized investment gains/losses are separated from the General Unrestricted or Undesignated Reserve Funds in order to balance maximizing investment returns with liquidity and the long-term security of assets. Such amounts upon converting to realized investment earnings will be transferred to the General Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserves fund.

- b. The Council on Finance and Administration can designate individual reserves to be maintained for the specific purposes outlined below and are exceptions to the general rule set forth above:
 - (1) Funds donated for specific purposes (e.g., Special Sunday offerings designated for Conference use, Minister Emergency Funds, the 25% portion of the Minister Education Funds designated for the Board of Ordained Ministry if not used in that year for educational purposes, money donated by individuals and churches for a special project/ministry/event such as Disaster Response, etc.);
 - (2) Funds self-generated by a program through fees charged and collected in one year for an event to occur in another year (e.g., certain VIM trips);
 - (3) Funds budgeted and approved by CFA as a multi-year project (e.g., Clergy Defense Fund, Leave and Transition funds);
 - (4) Budgeted Line Items and Funds approved by CFA to have continuing reserves (e.g., Board of Congregational Development Church Planting Ministry & Church Revitalization Ministry, Board of Trustees and Building Funds, Chancellors Fees, Clergy Defense Fund, Board of Higher Education, Board of Ordained Ministry, etc.). Such approval can include a maximum dollar amount for that reserve.

(Note - the enumerations provided of specific ministries are illustrative only and not indicative of all possibilities-see the Treasurer's Report for all such designated funds).

- c. During 2023, the Conference Investment Advisory Committee (see note 15 above) requested the United Methodist Foundation of La. (UMFLa) to change the structure of the CFA and CBOPHB investments to "carve out" these funds into two separate pools with Merrill Lynch. Currently, the CFA and CBOPHB various investment funds are combined with funds of all of the other church investors at the UMFLa. Thus, the CFA and CBOPHB investment deposit accounts reflect their respective portions of the UMFLa's overall Income, Balance and Impact Funds at Merrill Lynch. CFA/CBOPHB investments are technically comingled with all other United Methodist (and other non-United Methodist) churches.

CFA and CBOPHB comprise the single largest combined investment holder at the UMFLa (about 40%). Which correlates to very different levels of investors than all of the other local churches. The CIAC believes that there could be times when the general UMFLa investment strategies may not line up with the CFA and CBOPHB specific needs. Therefore, these investment assets necessitate more care and attention and we need to be proactive, not reactive with our investing strategies.

CFA and CBOPHB policies have historically allowed various designated principal funds to keep separate UMLa accounts, and record and keep their respective earnings (by keeping separate investment accounts and recording the earnings to the designated fund). However, this has created additional bookkeeping and accounting processes and procedures to maintain all of the various investment accounts. Additionally, post disaffiliation season, CFA and CBOPHB are searching for ways to leverage the investment asset reserves and their earnings potential in order to supplement local church apportionments for mission, ministry, clergy benefits, and the administration of all of these thereon.

Detailed research confirmed that while the principal amount of the various designated reserves must remain intact until their authorized expenditure, the investment earnings could be used to help mission, ministry, clergy benefits, and administrative costs of the Conference. Beginning in 2024, all investment funds, unless donor restricted, will be combined into two pools, one for each CFA and CBOPHB funds investments. Further, to begin assisting with funding mission, ministry, benefits and administrative costs of the Conference and CBOPHB, the CIAC proposes the following:

- the larger CFA designate funds (see below) will receive an annual 2-4% distribution from interest income (percent will depend on assets under management and current Federal Reserve rates) for their respective mission and ministry areas. The balance of all remaining investment earnings, regardless of principal (corpus) designation will be retained in General Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserves. The only exception will be the cumulative unrealized holding (market) gains will be tracked and recorded separately.

New Church Development(CTD)

BdHiEd-Wesley CM Building Endow. (formerly in WES629)

½ - (2%) Lafon Home Distribution to Mission and Mercy

½ Lafon Home Distribution to CTD

CBOM-PCF interest (formerly LAC767)

Disaster Response General Relief

This new policy does not apply to the donor-restricted funds that were allowed to maintain their separate UMFLa accounts.

- CBOPHB designated and undesignated funds will receive an annual 2% distribution to general reserves to fund the various miscellaneous welfare and health insurance benefits (i.e. non-pension benefits) for active and retired clergy, and Conference laity (See CBOPHB Journal Reports for more details). The balance of all remaining CBOPHB interest income earnings from all funds will be retained in the General Unrestricted/Undesignated Benefits Reserves. Additionally, the other designated benefits reserves will retain their respective other investment income.

This proposed change will not affect the relationship with the Foundation as they will continue to be the investment arm and a strong advisor/participant in the meetings with Merrill Lynch. The strategies and asset allocation for each pool will be reviewed quarterly by the CIAC and assessed in detail at least annually to determine if the investment structure is fulfilling the needs of the CFA and CBOPHB.

- d. Annually, CFA will review the General Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserve Funds policy and adequacy of the amount of such reserves, and make recommended changes if deemed appropriate. CFA recommends that the amount of General Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserves be retained on hand equal to six months of the current year's apportionment budget amount. If there is a calculated "excess" of General Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserve Funds, then CFA, will consider reductions in apportionments assessed to the local churches, and/or make designations to be used in ministry areas to eliminate the necessity for future apportionments for the proposed upcoming budget years. The form and amount of a reduction or rebate to local churches will take into consideration the apportionment payment histories of faithful local churches. The results arising out of CFA's annual review of General Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserves is provided below:

Part 1: STEP BY STEP Calculation of Potential EXCESS RESERVES, and CFA Designations Thereon

Under the approved policy, CFA has revisited the Reserves policy each year to assess the current conditions and needs of the Conference for on-going designations. CFA is required to report annually to the Annual Conference and present changes that are deemed necessary. CFA does not propose any changes to the calculation of the amount of "Emergency Fund" Reserves. The "Emergency Fund" reserve can only be used by the Conference upon CFA approval.

	<u>Amount</u>	
Conference Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserves-Emergency Fund as of 12/31/2023	\$ 4,588,448	Line 317
<i>Current Reserve Conference Policy: "6 months the current year annual 2024 Apportionment expenditure budget" - "\$4,542,009 X 6/12 =</i>	2,271,005	<i>calculated</i>
12/31/2023 - calculated "Excess Reserves" under current policy	<u>\$ 2,317,444</u>	

At a duly called meeting on February 29, 2024, CFA approved the following designations of the "Excess Reserves" calculated above

1	Provide a 20 % apportionment reduction for 2024 based on 2023 amounts.	\$ (753,172)
2	Provide a one-time 5% bonus of reduction of apportionments for 2024 for those churches paying 100% of both 2022 and 2023 apportionments	(158,550)
3	Maintain "reduced" apportionments assessments for 2025	(753,172)
4	Request by Bishop D. Williamston* for CFA to designate the balance of the "Excess Reserves" as follows:	
	Strategic Implementation Team	(175,000)
	Strengthening the Black Church	(200,000)
	Contingency Fund for Post General Conference	<u>(225,000)</u>
	Subtotal Item #4 Special Designated Reserves	(600,000)

** At the Bishop's request, CFA approved setting aside \$600,000 out of "Excess Undesignated Reserves to help implement the strategic priorities to come out of the John Wimberly strategic planning report, to increase efforts at Strengthening the Black Church, to be in a position to assist clergy and churches potentially impacted by decisions at General Conference, and further strengthen our work in Clergy and Lay Leadership Training and Development.*

Balance of Calculated "Excess Reserves" - to be retained / maintained in the Emergency Reserve Fund \$ 52,549

As with previous designations or "Excess Reserves", the amounts in (number 4 above) will be designated until the end of 12/31/2025, unless there is a need to draw upon the Emergency Fund reserves. If this occurs, then any such special designated reserve amounts will automatically convert to "Emergency Fund" reserve designation

Note the designations above of "Excess Reserves" to the ministry work outlined above will occur in the first quarter of 2024 in the internal Financial Statements.

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Part 2: Review and Reports of Prior Years' CFA Special Designations of Excess Reserves (Sunsets 12/31/2024):

In early 2023, the Conference, Cabinet and Bishop's Office had identified multiple significant areas of strategic missional concern. To plan for these concerns, instead of increasing apportionments to local churches, CFA was asked to designate the "Conference Contingency Fund" for the following (Line 327 on internal financial statements 12/31/2023). The information below reflects the expenditures of these reserves during 2023, and projected uses for 2024. Please see Supplement information to Treasurer's Report for more details.

CFA revisited the designated reserve amounts assessing the current conditions and needs of the Conference for continued designations. CFA reports the following regarding the usage of these funds, and the projected usage by year end 12/31/2024.

	Amount Utilized during 2023, Line 325	Amount Projected to be Utilized during 2024
<u>BALANCE OF SPECIAL 2024 CFA DESIGNATED RESERVES 1/1/2023</u>	<u>\$ 450,317</u>	
I. Congregational vitality and leadership development initiatives and expenditures due ongoing denominational dynamics.	(23,246)	(36,326)
II. Need for strategic investment in identified long term missional needs:		
1 - Disaster Recovery and Response		
2 - Disaster Preparedness in light of UMCOR restrictions on local church aid, and reductions in overall funding		<i>Conference Leadership decided that the Disaster Response Ministry area had enough other reserves to fund any missional work</i>
3 - Clergy Nurture and Care, as well as Clergy and Laity Leadership Development	(16,485)	(25,589)
4 - Anti-Racism work	(20,292)	(44,967)
5 - Local church insurance issues, including coverage cancellations, insurability of property, and premium affordability issues.	-	-
III. Impact of disaffiliation on local churches and departure of congregations under par. 2553 which sunset 12/31/23 with significant, financial implications	(140,397)	(85,088)
IV. Longer term strategic planning for the UMC presence in strategic areas in Louisiana post disaffiliation environment.	(7,927)	(50,000)
	<u>\$ (208,348)</u>	<u>\$ (241,969)</u>
<u>PROJECTED BALANCE OF SPECIAL 2024 CFA DESIGNATED RESERVES</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CFA affirmed retaining the special reserve designation of these funds to the identified areas noted above until the end of 12/31/2024, unless there is a need to draw upon the Emergency Fund reserve. If this occurs, then any such special reserve amounts will automatically convert to "Emergency Fund" reserve designation.

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REPORT II – Finance and Administration Annual Reports

1. The Council on Finance and Administration recommend the observance of the following special days with offerings:

A. ANNUAL SPECIAL SUNDAYS WITH OFFERINGS:

Retired Ministers' Home Sunday	September 8, 2024
*World Communion Sunday	October 6, 2024
*United Methodist Student Day	November 24, 2024
Louisiana U.M. Children's Home Christmas Offering	December 8, 2024
*Human Relations Day	January 19, 2025
*UMCOR Sunday	March 30, 2025
*Native American Awareness Sunday	May 4, 2025
*Peace with Justice Sunday	June 15, 2025
La. Methodist Children's Home-Foster Care Offering (Note: any Sunday**)...May 18, 2025	
(**in May except Mother's Day)	
*General Church Observances	

B. ANNUAL SPECIAL SUNDAYS WITH OPTIONAL OFFERINGS

Christian Education Sunday	August 11, 2024
UMVIM Recognition & Awareness Sunday	September 15, 2024
Youth Service Fund	May 18, 2025

2. All remittances for the year 2024 must be received in the Office of the Conference - Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries **on or before noon on Monday, January 13, 2025.**
3. As indicated in Report I, Item 3 above, the Annual Conference grants CFA the authority to change the process of allocation of Conference apportionments and collections during the year upon a majority approval of sitting CFA members' approval at a duly called CFA meeting.
4. District Superintendents are appointed by the Bishop as officers of the entire Annual Conference; their salary, reimbursable expenses (see related District Superintendents notes in Report I), utilities allowance, parsonage or housing allowance, professional expenses, and the Conference health insurance premium shall be paid by the Conference. Additionally, the Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries is authorized to pay from the District Superintendents' Fund expenses of Cabinet Meetings and any moving expenses for District Superintendents. See note 14 on Report I regarding the housing allowance declaration.

The base salary of all the District Superintendents shall be equal throughout the Conference. We recommend the following income be paid to the District Superintendents from the District Superintendents' Fund and adoption of this report sets these amounts by Annual Conference: Base Compensation for 2024 is \$105,032 reflecting a 3% increase. The recommended utilities/furnishings amount remains at \$7,200. There shall be a total pooled amount of \$90,000 to be paid from the District Superintendent's Fund drawn by voucher and used for continuing education expenses, accountable reimbursable expenses and automobile travel expenses (to be reimbursed at the IRS standard mileage reimbursement rate) that the District Superintendents incur in carrying out the responsibilities of the office. On the compensation forms of the individual district superintendents serving one district, these amounts shall be shown as one line of accountable reimbursement expenses of \$30,000. If a district superintendent is assigned by the Bishop to serve more than one district, then the accountable reimbursements amount on the compensation form shall be adjusted for this additional assignment and the Treasurer is given the authority to make said allocation.

5. The Council wished to note that elections to contribute gifts to the **Ministers' Emergency Fund** are incorporated into the annual Clergy Compensation Form for which all serving clergy must complete, sign and submit to their respective District Office. It is a celebration of compassion and generosity that many active Clergy have pledged to contribute to this fund. Further several retired clergy still serving in a local church are also contributing to this important ministry.

6. The Council reports that for 2023 no special grants were needed from the General Reserve Fund to provide for salaries and benefits that are budgeted and paid at 100%. The salaries and benefits expenses did not exceed 2023 budgeted apportionments. The amounts collected for apportionments budgeted to salaries and benefits covered the actual expenditures. The net difference between collected apportionments for all budgeted salaries and benefits versus the actual expenditures for such items was refunded to the General Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserves for 2023 and is summarized by ministry area as follows:

<u>Net to General Reserves</u>	<u>Net Used (Unused) for 2023</u>
	<u>Budgeted Salaries</u>
Congregational Vitality	\$ (114,017)
Episcopacy/Clergy Excellence	(17,618)
Administrative Ministries	(61,870)
Districts	<u>(176,412)</u>
Net unused transfer to General Reserve Fund	<u>\$ (369,917)</u>

7. The Mission and Mercy Team and the Office of Congregational Transformation and Development each began receiving an annual distribution from the Lafon Home Fund of ½ of 4% of the account balance as approved by the 2016 Annual Conference. The total distribution for 2023 of \$42,038 made at year-end was for \$21,019 to each of these ministry areas.
8. The Centenary College and Dillard University endowments established at the United Methodist Foundation in 2018 for each respective institution resulted in annual distributions to each organization as follows:

	<u>Paid in 2024</u>	<u>Paid in 2023</u>
Centenary	\$44,904	\$44,707
Dillard	11,699	11,648

9. When Board of Trustees Conference property is sold, the proceeds of the sale are to be distributed as follows (1) costs of the sale (2) expenses that were incurred by the Conference or districts in maintaining the property between the time the Conference assumed responsibility until the sale (utilities, insurance, maintenance, lawn care, etc.); (3) legal fees incurred by the Trustee (4) if property from a church, any arrearages of the church in the following order – pension, health insurance and apportionments.
10. The 2023 Conference Disaster Response and Recovery Teams saw reduced activity as the Hurricane Laura/Delta/Zeta UMCOR grant was depleted as well as the other Laura/Delta/Zeta Disaster designated reserves for those storms. Please refer to the Office of Missional Outreach and Engagement's report to the Annual Conference for additional information.
11. Districts' Finance Activities and Requirements - As shown in **2016 Book of Discipline (BOD), (page 448) ¶614, Budgets –4. Other Apportioned Causes** the CFA shall include in its budget recommendations specific amounts recommended for all other funds properly apportioned *to the annual conference for the support of duly authorized general or other connectional funds. The budget recommendations shall likewise include any other amounts to be apportioned to the districts, charges, or churches by the annual conference for conference or district causes of any kind.*
- For 2023 forward, the Conference and Districts' apportionment budgets to the local churches was combined as one apportionment amount with each Districts' programming expenditures presented as a department of the overall Conference apportionment budget. Billing, receiving, and processing of all apportionments occurs at the Conference Finance Office.
 - The District Finance Committees and District Superintendents will continue to be instrumental in the creation and development of their respective District's tailored programming budgets to achieve their individual District goals and objectives.
 - All Districts' reserve funds are accounted for separately as specific funds and restricted for the various and varied designations, except where in conflict with the guidelines for those funds in the BOD. All United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana (UMFLa) accounts transferred over to the accounting system of the Conference.

12. The Treasurer/Director of Administrative Ministries with approval by the Council has posted quarterly interim financial reports for the activities and reserves on hand on the Conference's website. These reports include the Statement of Assets – Modified Cash Basis, and the Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis for each quarter ended March 31, 2023, June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and year ended December 31, 2023. Please note this information is subject to the required annual audit as shown in the auditor's reports contained in CFA's Reports. The internal quarterly reports can be found at this link:

<https://www.la-umc.org/financialinformation>

13. The Conference's annual reports for the items below begin on the next page.

- A. Treasurer's Report for 2023 (representing the internally prepared detail financial statements)
- B. December 31, 2023 Auditor's report from Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan, & Maher, LLP, CPA
- C. Louisiana Conference Percentage Paid of Conference Apportionment for 2023 by District and Church

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73	Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis UNAUDITED																73	
74	Description	2023	Reserve	Apportionment	Other Revenue	Expenditures	Net Current Year Revenues over (Under) Expenditures	1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023								Ending Reserve /Available Funds	74	
		Apportionment Budget	Carryforward 1/1/2023															
91																	91	
92																	92	
93	General Conference Funds	\$ 1,874,502.00	\$ -	\$ 1,474,959.23	\$ -	\$ (1,711,098.75)	\$ (236,139.52)	\$ 305,158.79	\$ (69,019.27)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	93	
94	South Central Jurisdiction Funds	72,352.00	-	56,930.45	-	(68,708.97)	(11,778.52)	11,778.52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94	
95	Special Sunday (SS) & Advance Special Collections	-	-	-	68,768.83	(68,768.83)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	
96		1,946,854.00	-	1,531,889.68	68,768.83	(1,848,576.55)	(247,918.04)	316,937.31	(69,019.27)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	
97	Louisiana Annual Conference :																97	
98	Congregational Vitality																98	
99	Clergy/Laity Salaries/Benefits Apportioned	216,600.00	-	170,432.57	-	(91,677.05)	78,755.52	35,261.31	(114,016.83)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	
100	Congregational Dev. Apportioned	210,774.00	5,097,318.37	165,848.35	34,312.25	(383,938.00)	(183,777.40)	34,312.87	(694,290.02)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,253,563.83	100	
101	Conference Benevolences Apportioned	303,050.00	220,190.79	238,456.05	12,286.72	(276,361.50)	(25,618.73)	49,334.92	(13,635.62)	-	-	-	-	-	-	230,271.36	101	
102	Bd Hied Campus Ministries Apportioned	595,000.00	207,558.09	468,178.09	-	(641,412.17)	(173,234.08)	96,862.77	(76,371.31)	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,186.78	102	
103	Other Non-apportioned programming	-	1,376,712.83	-	42,236.46	(54,699.04)	(12,462.58)	-	-	15,131.60	2,669.02	70,846.87	1,450,228.72	103				
104	Subtotal Congregational Vitality	1,325,424.00	6,901,780.08	1,042,915.06	88,835.43	(1,448,087.76)	(316,337.27)	215,771.87	(806,810.87)	907,376.27	70,846.87	6,065,250.68	104					
105	Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence																105	
106	Clergy/Laity Salaries/Benefits Apportioned	521,200.00	-	410,108.25	-	(601,338.45)	(191,230.20)	84,848.54	106,381.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	
107	Clergy Excellence/Effectiveness Prog	2,000.00	566,080.79	1,573.74	7,200.00	(28,413.65)	(19,639.91)	325.58	(19,314.33)	-	-	-	-	-	-	546,766.46	107	
108	CBOM Apportioned programming	40,000.00	433,915.24	31,474.17	12,385.95	(131,923.47)	(88,063.35)	6,511.78	73,358.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	434,927.30	108	
109	Other Apportioned Funds	170,000.00	234,209.33	155,079.76	21,611.42	(203,600.59)	(26,909.41)	11,395.62	6,482.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	225,177.62	109	
110	Episcopacy Funds	41,000.00	72,153.78	32,261.04	74,490.00	(113,797.55)	(7,046.51)	6,674.57	(371.94)	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,781.84	110	
111	Other Non-apportioned programming	-	600,665.41	-	14,472.08	(13,908.50)	563.58	-	4,744.10	5,307.68	605,973.09	111						
112	Subtotal Clergy Excellence	774,200.00	1,907,024.55	630,496.96	130,159.45	(1,092,982.21)	(332,325.80)	109,756.09	190,966.26	(31,603.45)	9,205.21	1,884,626.31	112					
113	Districts and Cabinet expenses																113	
114	District Superintendents/Cabinet exp	714,300.00	-	562,049.75	-	(669,757.70)	(107,707.95)	116,284.17	(8,576.22)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	
115	Clergy/Laity Salaries/Benefits Apportioned	201,800.00	-	158,787.12	-	(163,803.66)	(5,016.54)	32,851.95	(27,835.41)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115	
116	Districts' Operations and Programs	137,100.00	-	107,877.66	-	(90,453.88)	17,423.78	22,319.13	(39,742.91)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	116	
117	Subtotal Bishop and Cabinet	1,053,200.00	-	828,714.53	-	(924,015.24)	(95,300.71)	171,455.25	(76,154.54)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117	
118	Administrative Ministries																118	
119	Laity Salaries/Benefits Apportioned	490,200.00	-	385,715.80	-	(402,104.77)	(16,388.97)	79,801.90	(63,412.93)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119	
120	Other Apportioned Programming	391,000.00	1,905,867.28	307,659.79	426,885.59	(589,383.07)	145,162.31	63,652.71	(26,169.59)	182,645.43	-	-	-	-	-	2,088,512.71	120	
121	Other Non-Apportioned Programming	-	3,112,132.75	-	63,709.47	(49,661.15)	14,048.32	-	2,066,269.74	2,080,318.06	-	-	-	-	-	5,192,450.81	121	
122	Other Special Reserves and Funds	-	1,229,224.92	-	-	-	-	-	(1,229,224.92)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122
123	Conference General Unrestricted Reserves	-	3,821,046.58	-	-	(445.00)	(445.00)	-	(53,906.51)	821,307.98	-	-	-	-	-	4,588,448.05	123	
124	CFA -Designated Special Reserves	-	3,102,091.00	-	2,430,317.92	(812,636.12)	1,617,681.80	-	525,050.78	3,627,141.78	-	-	-	-	-	3,627,141.78	124	
125	CFA -Designated Unrealized Investment Gains	-	(1,447,982.61)	-	-	-	-	-	174,015.43	174,015.43	-	-	-	-	-	462,144.16	125	
126	Subtotal Administrative Ministries	881,200.00	11,722,379.92	693,375.59	2,920,912.98	(1,854,230.11)	1,760,058.46	(817,176.41)	736,016.22	1,678,898.27	2,557,419.32	15,958,697.51	126					
127	Disaster Response Funds	20,000.00	1,250,109.81	15,757.10	20,229.26	(480,607.66)	(444,621.30)	3,255.89	25,002.20	(416,363.21)	-	-	-	-	-	833,746.59	127	
128	Districts																128	
129	Lake Charles-Acadiana (formerly Acadiana)	-	255,509.94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,780.01	129	
130	Baton Rouge	-	145,116.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,376.51	130	
131	Alexandria (formerly Lake Charles)	-	289,405.59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,484.62	131	
132	Monroe	-	218,464.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,865.80	132	
133	New Orleans	-	449,681.79	-	-	(3,745.05)	(3,745.05)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,795.06	133	
134	Shreveport	-	1,022,399.31	-	42,991.37	(10,000.00)	32,991.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	165,349.28	134	
135	Subtotal Districts	-	2,380,578.18	-	42,991.37	(13,745.05)	29,246.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,662,975.78	135	
Totals		\$ 6,000,878.00	\$ 24,161,872.54	\$ 4,743,148.92	\$ 3,271,897.32	\$ (7,662,244.98)	\$ 352,801.66	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.00)	\$ 352,801.66	\$ 2,890,122.68	\$ 27,404,796.88	136					

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73	Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis UNAUDITED																
74						2023 Apportionment Budget	Reserve Carryforward 1/1/2023	Apportnment Revenue	Other Revenue	Expenditures	Net Current Year Revenues over (Under) Expenditures	Use of "Disaffiliated Churches collections of Apportionment" Netover Funds (See notes below)	Operational Budgeted and Other Transfers	Transfer Expns. netions	Net Current Year Activities after Budgeted Transfers	Investment Income-see Detail Schedule	74
165	REPORT III - Details BY MINISTRY AREA																
166	B. Congregational Vitality																
Salaries Apportioned																	166
Clergy's Salary/Benefits/Housing/Prof Travel						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (2,430.45)	\$ (2,430.45)	\$ -	2,430.45	D	-	\$ -	167
Lay Salaries/Benefits/Prof & Trav						216,600.00	-	170,432.57		(89,246.60)	81,185.97	35,261.31	(116,447.28)	D	-	-	168
Subtotal Congregational Vitality operations						216,600.00	-	170,432.57		(91,677.05)	78,755.52	35,261.31	(114,016.83)		-	-	169
Congregational Transf/Dev. Programming						210,774.00	3,179,648.74	165,848.35	34,312.25	(355,099.03)	(154,938.43)	34,312.87	1,352,190.34	H, J	1,231,564.78	-	170
Cong. Transf/Dev-Missional Properties held							1,917,669.63	-	-	(28,838.97)	(28,838.97)		2,046,480.36	C, E	(2,075,319.33)	-	171
Total Congre. Transf/Dev (see attached detail)						210,774.00	5,097,318.37	165,848.35	34,312.25	(383,938.00)	(183,777.40)	34,312.87	(694,290.02)		(843,754.55)	-	172
Conference Benevolences																	173
Discipleship						12,000.00	9,538.83	9,442.23	200.00	(5,000.00)	4,642.23	1,953.54	(16,134.60)	F	(9,538.83)	-	174
Mission and Mercy						14,500.00		11,409.39	-	(5,075.18)	6,334.21	2,360.52	(8,694.73)	F	7,019.06	-	175
Mission and Mercy-Lafon Home Grant funds							89,394.68		-	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	-	21,019.06	H	-	96,413.74	176
District Camping Ministries						105,000.00		82,619.66	-	(99,713.09)	(17,093.43)	17,093.43	-		-	-	177
Board of Laity						6,000.00	7,195.53	4,721.13	2,086.72	(5,154.80)	1,653.05	976.77	(9,825.35)	F	(7,195.53)	(0.00)	178
Safe Sanctuaries						10,000.00	16,566.28	7,868.52	-	-	7,868.52	1,627.96	-		9,496.48	26,062.76	179
Youth Ministries						32,300.00	99,995.47	25,415.39	-	(20,374.27)	5,041.12	5,258.27	-		10,299.39	-	180
La Interchurch Conf. Apportionment						17,000.00		13,376.50	-	(16,144.01)	(2,767.51)	2,767.51	-		-	104,294.86	181
The Wesleyan Center Apportionment						106,250.00	-	83,603.23	10,000.00	(110,900.15)	(17,296.92)	17,296.92	-		-	-	182
BOL-Academy Spiritual Leadership						-	3,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	183
Subtotal Conference Benevolences						303,050.00	220,190.79	238,456.05	12,286.72	(276,361.50)	(25,618.73)	49,334.92	(13,635.62)		10,080.57	230,271.36	184
Bd HI Ed-Campus Ministries																	185
Campus Ministries - Grants & Admin exp.						345,000.00	207,558.09	271,464.60	-	(404,000.04)	(132,535.44)	56,164.13	-		(76,371.31)	131,186.78	186
Wesley Campus Ministries-Reserve Funds						-	674,774.39		-	-	-	34,186.86	13,495.49	H	13,495.49	688,269.88	187
Centenary Apportionment						210,000.00	-	165,239.32	-	(199,426.18)	(34,186.86)	34,186.86	-		-	-	188
Dillard Apportionment						40,000.00	-	31,474.17	-	(37,985.95)	(6,511.78)	6,511.78	-		-	-	189
Vital Congregations programs-non pass through						595,000.00	882,332.48	468,178.09	-	(641,412.17)	(173,234.08)	96,862.77	13,495.49		(62,875.82)	819,456.66	190
Revolving Loan						-	176,973.37	-	72.00	-	72.00	-	-		72.00	177,045.37	191
Peace With Justice Special Sunday Funds						-	11,929.63	-	778.70	-	778.70	-	-		778.70	12,708.33	192
Youth Service Special Sunday Fund						-	22,235.91	-	517.30	-	517.30	-	-		517.30	22,752.87	193
Native American Special Sunday Fund						-	8,632.95	-	997.62	(7,000.00)	(6,002.38)	-	-		(6,002.38)	2,630.57	194
Christian Education Special Sunday Offering						-	24,964.70	-	423.00	(1,250.00)	(827.00)	-	-		(827.00)	24,137.70	195
GBGM Special Grant						-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	2,000.00	196
Subtotal Vital Cong. programs-non pass through						-	246,736.22	-	2,788.62	(8,250.00)	(5,461.38)	-	-		(5,461.38)	241,274.84	197
VIM Special Designated Funds UMF (VIM 692 693 7						-	28,468.58	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	2,019.18	200
Lydia Patterson Chapel -UMF LAC777)						-	380,993.10	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	67,445.31	201
BOL-Daughenbaugh-Waitheny Scholarship Fund						-	45,740.54	-	498.80	(7,500.00)	(7,001.20)	-	1,636.11	B	(5,365.09)	41,757.83	202
Vital Congregations -LAC Advance programs						-	-	-	38,949.04	(38,949.04)	-	-	-		-	-	203
B. Total Congregational Vitality						\$ 1,325,424.00	\$ 6,901,780.08	\$ 1,042,915.06	\$ 88,835.43	\$ (1,448,087.76)	\$ (316,337.27)	\$ 215,771.87	\$ (806,810.87)		\$ (907,376.27)	\$ 70,846.87	204
																\$ 6,065,250.68	205
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208	REPORT III - Details BY MINISTRY AREA																208							
209	C. Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence																209							
210	Salaries Apportioned																210							
211	Conf. Clergy Salaries/Benefits/Prof Travel	\$	376,400.00	\$	-	\$	296,171.81	\$	-	\$	(374,066.17)	\$	(77,894.36)	\$	16,618.48	D	\$	-	\$	-	211			
212	Conf. Clergy Cash Housing Allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(84,640.80)	-	63,000.00	H	(22,640.80)	\$	-	-	212			
213													(84,640.80)		22,640.80	D					213			
214	Larky Salaries/Benefits/Prof & Trav	144,800.00	-	113,936.44	-	(142,631.48)	(28,695.04)	23,572.66	5,122.38	D		-		-							214			
215	Subtotal Clergy Excellence salaries et al	521,200.00	-	410,108.25	-	(601,338.45)	(191,230.20)	84,848.54	106,381.66		(0.00)	-		-							215			
216	Clergy Dev/Excellence/Pastoral Effectiveness	1,000.00	31,249.33	786.87	7,200.00	(15,511.85)	(7,524.98)	162.79	-	-	(7,362.19)	-		23,887.14	-						216			
217	Multicultural Clergy Excellence Dev.	-	29,398.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		29,398.75	-						217			
218	Hispanic Clergy Excellence Development	-	148,237.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		148,237.95	-						218			
219	Acaad for Spiritual Ldrshp-Clergy Excl	-	18,888.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		18,888.12	-						219			
220	Clergy Leave, Transition Pastoral Care	1,000.00	338,306.64	786.87	-	(12,901.80)	(12,114.93)	162.79	-	-	(11,952.14)	-		326,354.50	220						220			
221	Subtotal Clergy Development/ Excellence/ Pastoral Effectiveness	2,000.00	566,080.79	1,573.74	7,200.00	(28,413.65)	(19,639.91)	325.58	-	-	(19,314.33)	-		546,766.46	221						221			
222	CBOM - MEF Funds	40,000	-	-	12,385.95	(52,563.08)	(40,177.13)	-	69,019.27	A, K	28,842.14	-		28,842.14	222						222			
223	CBOM - PCE Funds	-	433,915.24	31,474.17	-	(79,360.39)	(47,886.22)	6,511.78	4,339.15	H	(37,035.29)	9,205.21		406,085.16	223						223			
224		40,000.00	433,915.24	31,474.17	12,385.95	(131,923.47)	(88,063.35)	6,511.78	73,358.42	A, K	(8,193.15)	9,205.21		434,927.30	224						224			
225	Subtotal CBOM Funds														225						225			
226	Other Apportioned funds																				226			
227	Communications Ministries	50,000.00	97,637.12	39,342.66	849.80	(76,081.39)	(35,888.93)	8,139.73	-	-	(27,749.20)	-		69,887.92	227						227			
228	Bishop's Program Priority	-	7,946.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		7,946.04	228						228			
229	Annual Conference & Worship Event	100,000.00	0	100,000.00	20,761.62	(127,243.70)	(6,482.08)	-	6,482.08	F	(0.00)	-		0.00	229						229			
230	General/Jurisdictional Delegation	20,000.00	128,626.17	15,737.10	(275.50)	(13,461.60)	3,255.89	-	-	-	18,717.49	-		147,343.66	230						230			
231	Subtotal other Ministry Apportionments	170,000.00	234,209.33	155,079.76	21,611.42	(203,600.59)	(26,909.41)	11,395.62	6,482.08	-	(9,031.71)	-		225,177.62	231						231			
Episcopacy Funds																								
232	Episcopal Area Administration	40,000.00	54,874.95	31,474.17	-	-	31,474.17	6,511.78	(26,856.13)	G	11,129.82	-		66,004.77	232						232			
233	Episcopal Office	-	-	-	73,490.00	(100,346.13)	(26,856.13)	-	26,856.13	G	(0.00)	-		(0.00)	233						233			
234	Episcopal Anti-Racism Work	-	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	500.00	reclass	1,500.00	-		1,500.00	234						234			
235	Episcopal Committee	1,000.00	14,079.83	786.87	-	(13,451.42)	(12,664.55)	162.79	(500.00)	reclass	(13,001.76)	-		1,078.07	235						235			
236	Bishop's Tenure Gift Fund	-	3,199.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		3,199.00	236						236			
237	Subtotal Episcopacy Funds	41,000.00	72,153.78	32,261.04	74,490.00	(113,797.55)	(7,046.51)	6,674.57	-	-	(371.94)	-		71,781.84	237						237			
Other non-apportioned funds																								
238	Holy Land w/Bishop-Ordinands' Funds	-	46,343.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,148.58	B		48,492.00	238						238			
239	Clergy Spouse Event	-	19.43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		19.43	239						239			
240	Equitable Compensation Fund	-	57,394.06	-	-	(3,141.57)	(3,141.57)	-	-	-	(3,141.57)	-		54,252.49	240						240			
241	CBOM-Clergy Exiting Funds	-	61,244.72	-	-	(1,766.93)	(1,766.93)	-	-	-	(1,766.93)	-		59,477.79	241						241			
242	Clergy Defense Fund	-	315,685.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		315,685.07	242						242			
243	Ministers' Emergency Fund	-	119,978.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		128,046.31	243						243			
244	Subtotal Other Non-apportioned funds	-	600,665.41	-	-	(13,908.50)	563.58	-	4,744.10	-	5,307.68	-		605,973.09	244						244			
245	C. Total Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence	\$	774,200.00	\$	1,907,024.55	\$	630,496.96	\$	130,159.45	\$	(1,092,982.21)	\$	(332,325.80)	\$	109,756.09	\$	190,966.26	\$	(31,603.45)	\$	9,205.21	\$	1,884,626.31	245
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73	Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis UNAUDITED																73
74	1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023																74
73	Description	2023 Apportionment Budget	Reserve Carryforward 1/1/2023	Apportnment Revenue	Other Revenue	Expenditures	Net Current Year Revenues over (under) Expenditures	Use of "Disaffiliated Churches collections of Apportmentment" Reserve Funds (See notes below)	Operational Budgeted and Other Transfers	Transfer Explanations	Net Current Year Activities after Budgeted Transfers	Investment Income-see detail schedule	Ending Reserve /Available Funds	273			
															REPORT III - Details BY MINISTRY AREA		
E. Administrative Ministries																	
274	Administrative Operations Apportioned:																274
275	Laity Salaries/Benefits/Prof & Trav	\$ 428,700.00	\$ -	\$ 337,324.31	\$ -	\$ (345,244.61)	\$ (7,920.30)	\$ 69,790.04	\$ (61,869.74)	D	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	275
276	CFA Meeting Expense	500.00	-	393.43	-	(571.50)	(178.07)	81.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	276
277	CPA Audit Expense	18,000.00	-	14,163.39	-	(17,292.00)	(3,128.61)	2,930.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	277
278	Telephone/Internet Expense	14,000.00	-	11,015.95	-	(12,524.62)	(1,508.67)	2,279.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	278
279	Postage and Office Supplies	7,500.00	-	5,901.39	-	(6,252.13)	(350.74)	1,220.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	279
280	Office equipment leases	9,000.00	-	7,081.67	-	(8,491.67)	(1,410.00)	1,465.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280
281	Payroll Processing Fees	5,000.00	-	3,934.27	-	(5,509.08)	(1,574.81)	813.97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	281
282	Misc Office (Fin. Off. Exp)	7,500.00	-	5,901.39	-	(6,219.16)	(317.77)	1,220.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	282
283	Subtotal Administrative Ministries Operations	490,200.00	-	385,715.80	-	(402,104.77)	(16,388.97)	79,801.90	(63,412.93)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	283
284	Other Apportioned & Reserve Funds	75,000.00	264,196.61	59,014.04	-	(22,505.50)	36,508.54	12,209.59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	284
285	Chancellor fees	-	17,164.28	-	-	(3,045.83)	(3,045.83)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	285
286	Conference Projects-Outside Services	-	-	39,342.66	-	(22,556.97)	16,785.69	8,139.73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	286
287	Network/IT Expenses-recurring	50,000.00	-	7,868.52	-	(8,462.96)	(594.44)	1,627.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	287
288	Network/IT Expenses-infrastructure	10,000.00	-	98,356.71	-	(118,706.06)	(20,349.35)	20,349.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	288
289	Bd of Pensions & Health Benefits	125,000.00	-	786.87	-	(1,503.28)	(716.41)	162.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	289
290	Archives & History	1,000.00	3,868.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	290
291	Conference Board of Trustees Apportioned & Reserve Funds	1,000.00	1,407,414.05	786.87	398,624.92	(141,164.60)	258,247.19	162.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291
292	Bd of Trustees-operating	-	-	23,605.62	-	(17,063.94)	6,541.68	4,883.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	292
293	-Property & Liability Ins.	30,000.00	-	7,081.67	13,260.67	(8,822.67)	11,519.67	1,465.16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	293
294	-Worker's Comp.Ins	9,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	294
295	Bd of Trustees - closed churches -upkeep	-	(72,162.95)	-	-	(103,444.14)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	295
296	527 North Bld Maintenance-recurring	55,000.00	-	43,276.95	-	(59,750.04)	(16,473.09)	8,953.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	296
297	527 North Bld Maintenance-nonrecurring	10,000.00	108,281.62	7,868.52	-	(20,689.82)	(12,821.30)	1,627.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	297
298	527 North Bld Maintenance-nonrecurring	25,000.00	68,787.43	19,671.36	15,000.00	(61,667.26)	(26,995.90)	4,069.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	298
299	Bd. Of Trustees - Episcopal Residence	391,000.00	1,905,867.28	307,659.79	426,885.59	(589,383.07)	145,162.31	63,652.71	(26,169.59)	-	182,645.43	-	2,088,512.71	301			
300	Subtotal Other Apportioned Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300
301	Other Non-Apportnioned Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	301
302	Closed church properties-sales proceeds	-	1,654,315.10	-	51,891.00	(3,056.70)	48,834.30	-	2,078,480.93	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	302
303	-AC- Special HVAC grants, net of pledges	-	-	-	-	(41,166.19)	-	-	(5,830.98)	K	2,080,318.06	-	-	-	-	-	303
304	Bd of Trustees Conference and District	-	1,446,723.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	304
305	Personages Sales Proceeds - Reserve funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	305
306	Employee Honesty Bond	-	9,389.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	306
307	Archives & History Special Funds	-	1,705.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	307
308	Annual Conference Offerings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	308
309	Subtotal Other Reserve Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	309
310	Subtotal Other Administrative Non-Apportnioned Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	310
311	Other Reserves and Funds	-	3,112,132.75	-	63,709.47	(49,661.15)	14,048.32	-	2,066,269.74	B	(6,380.21)	-	2,080,318.06	(0.00)	-	(0.00)	311
312	Lafon Home Sale Proceeds Rs. (UMF637)	-	1,050,952.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	312
313	Business Girls Inn (UMF BUS604)	-	178,272.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	313
314	Subtotal Other Reserves and Funds	-	1,229,224.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	314
315	Conference General Reserve Funds:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	315
316	Unrestricted/undesignated reserves (Emergency Fund)*	-	3,212,913.12	-	-	(445.00)	(445.00)	-	439,375.24	D, F	438,930.24	-	-	-	-	-	316
317	Interest Income -UMF IAC757, and others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(318,821.32)	H	506,015.56	-	-	-	-	-	317
318	Realized Inv. Gains, net of realized Losses -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(174,015.43)	UMF redas	315,292.42	-	-	-	-	-	318
319	UMF	-	608,133.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	319
320	Total Net unrestricted/undesignated reserves	-	3,821,046.58	-	-	(445.00)	(445.00)	-	(53,906.51)	-	821,307.98	-	-	-	-	-	320
321	CFA Designated Special Reserve Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(132,000.00)	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	321
322	Designated interest for subsequent year Budget -Clergy Housing	-	132,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	322
323	Designated BSA Settlement Commitment	-	604,288.00	-	-	(604,288.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	323
324	Disaffiliation collections - Designated To subsequent year Apportionment budgets	-	1,915,486.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	324
325	Designated Special Funds-sunset 12/31/24	-	450,317.00	-	2,430,317.92	(208,348.12)	2,430,317.92	(960,631.02)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	325
326	Total CFA Designated reserves	-	3,102,091.00	-	-	(812,636.12)	1,617,681.80	(960,631.02)	(132,000.00)	-	525,050.78	-	-	-	-	-	326
327	*Unrealized Investment holding gains (losses) -UMF (to separate from	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	327
328	Unrestricted/undesignated General Reserves)	-	(1,447,982.61)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	328
329	E. Total Administrative Ministries	\$ 881,200.00	\$ 11,722,379.92	\$ 693,375.59	\$ 2,920,912.98	\$ (1,854,230.11)	\$ 1,760,058.46	\$ (817,176.41)	\$ 736,016.22	\$	\$ 1,678,898.27	\$ 2,557,419.32	\$ 15,958,697.51	329			

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333	REPORT III - Details by Ministry Area																	333								
	F. Disaster Response																									
334	Disaster Response-General Reserves	\$	-	\$	543,178.88	\$	-	\$	9,888.61	\$	(139,196.36)	\$	(129,307.75)	\$	-	\$	25,002.20	H	(62,359.48)	I	(166,665.03)	\$	-	\$	376,513.84	334
335	Volunteers in Mission /ERT																									335
336	Disaster Response-LAC Hurricane Laura/Delta	20,000.00	27,878.93	15,757.10	340.65	(125.03)	15,972.72	3,255.89																		336
337	Disaster Response-LAC-8/2021 Hurricane Ida	-	40,501.72	-	-	(40,501.72)	(40,501.72)	-																		337
338	Disaster Response-LAC-3/2022 Tornado	-	407,311.68	-	-	(2,508.17)	(2,508.17)	-																		338
339	Disaster Response - Designated gifts		4,321.70	-	-	-	-	-																		339
340	Subtotal Disaster Funds LAC	20,000.00	31,723.80	15,757.10	10,229.26	(30,723.80)	(30,723.80)	-																		340
341	UMCOR - 12/2022 North La Storm Relief Grant		1,054,916.71	-	-	(30,723.80)	(30,723.80)	-																		341
342	UMCOR -4/2021 \$712K Hurricanes in Fall 2020		1,054,916.71	-	-	(30,723.80)	(30,723.80)	-																		342
343	Subtotal UMCOR Disaster Funds		1,054,916.71	-	-	(30,723.80)	(30,723.80)	-																		343
344	UMCOR - 12/2022 North La Storm Relief Grant		1,054,916.71	-	-	(30,723.80)	(30,723.80)	-																		344
345	UMCOR -4/2021 \$712K Hurricanes in Fall 2020		1,054,916.71	-	-	(30,723.80)	(30,723.80)	-																		345
346	Subtotal UMCOR Disaster Funds		1,054,916.71	-	-	(30,723.80)	(30,723.80)	-																		346
347	F.Total Disaster Funds	\$	20,000.00	\$	1,250,109.81	\$	15,757.10	\$	20,229.26	\$	(480,607.66)	\$	(444,621.30)	\$	3,255.89	\$	25,002.20									347

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73	Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis UNAUDITED															74						
74	Description		2023 Apportionment Budget		Reserve Carryforward 1/1/2023		Apportionment Revenue		Expenditures		Net Current Year Revenues over (Under) Expenditures		Operational Budgeted and Other Transfers		Transfer Expenditures		Net Current Year Activities after Budgeted Transfers		Investment Income-see detail schedule		Ending Reserve /Available Funds	
386	REPORT IV. Schedule of Budget and Other Transfers, explanations																					
387	A MONTHLY/Quarterly - The transfer for 25% of the General Conference MEF apportionment collections which are for conference use																					
388			Minister's Education Fund		\$ 69,019.27		Line 141		\$ 57,187.56													
389			CBOW-PCF Funds(UMFIAC767,BOM686,BOM689)		\$		(69,019.27)		Line 222													
390					\$		-		Net													
391			Total AC Offerings collected for		\$ 11,818.47																	
392																						
393			Cambodia Missions		3,409.29		\$		5,438.26		paid out directly to ministries											
394			UM Children's Home		2,028.97																	
395			Holy Land Tour		2,148.58		Line 239															
396			Ministers Emergency Funds		2,595.52		Line 244		\$		6,380.21		Line 310- total transferred to each related ministry									
397			BOL D-M Scholarship Fund		1,636.11		Line 203															
398			disbursed/transferred		\$ 11,818.47																	
399			Net \$		-																	
400			C ONE TIME - transfer of 12/31/2022 costs Mangum Memorial SH back to CBOT for disposal																			
401			CTD \$		32,000.57		Line 172															
402			CBOT Closed churches \$		(32,000.57)		Line 296															
403			\$		-																	
404			D YEAR END ONLY Transfer to/from CFA General Reserve for Salary excess or under budget or (over budget) compared to collections of Apportionments for salaries budgeted at																			
405			Congregation Vitality-Clergy \$		(2,430.45)		Line 168															
406			Congregation Vitality-Laity		116,447.28		Line 169															
407			District Superintendents		77,597.30		Line 253															
408			District Superintendents-Housing		978.92		Line 255															
409			District Superintendents-housing reserve		70,000.00		Part-closed out unneeded reserve to General Reserve															
410			District Administrative assist.		27,835.41		Line 254															
411			Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence		(16,618.48)		Lines 212															
412			Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence-Housing		(22,640.80)		Lines 213															
413			Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence-Housing reserve		62,000.00		Part closed out unneeded reserve to General Reserve															
414			Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence-Housing reserve		62,000.00		Part closed out unneeded reserve to General Reserve															
415			Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence-Laity		(5,122.38)		Lines 214															
416			Administrative Ministries		61,869.74		Line 276															
417			Transfer to Conference General Reserves \$		369,916.54		Line 317 added back to General Unrestricted Reserves															
418																						
419																						
420			E ONE TIME 3/31/2023 Transfer to CBOT from CTD (Property sales proceeds)				Amount															
421			St. Paul Harahan UMC-Church (sold 2018)		343,099.96																	
422			St. Paul Harahan Parsonage(sold 2018)		213,097.31																	
423			Bethany TX 9xold 2018		1,593.64																	
424			Lakeview-SH, parsonage (sold 2018)		152,325.89																	
425			Ninide Chapel, Rev. Know(sold 2015)		15,000.00																	
426			Corbin UMC (sold 2018)		98,988.37																	
427			Iota UMC, Eunice, LA-2/2017		22,580.50																	
428			Washington UMC, Bastrop, La- 10/2017		1,300.00																	
429			Prospect, Florien, La - 4/2014		29,000.00																	
430			St. Luke UMC, Baton Rouge, La - 12/2017		155,069.48																	
431			NO Trinity, Gentilly Church (sold 2018)		172,644.12																	
432			MN Pioneer, Church (sold 2018)		77,568.46																	
433			NO-The Well Bldg., Land 2020		28,361.90																	
434			NO-St. James, Hahnville 2020		53,805.60																	
435			LC-Liberty Chapel 2020		35,677.73																	
436			MN-Baskin UMC 2020		6,425.00																	
437			NO - 1Love Church/Parsonage 2020		291,059.35																	
438			SH-Lakeview, Shreveport 2020		430,883.62																	
439			Less - Grant to Thomas UMC in NO/Metairie in 2022		(50,000.00)																	
440					\$		2,078,480.93		Line303													
441					\$		(2,078,480.93)		Line 172													
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2	La. Conference - Congregational Transformation and Development										
3	Detailed Schedule of Reserve Funds - UNAUDITED										
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3	LAUMC -Board of Higher Education Campus Ministries- Wesley Foundations					
	Detail Schedule of Activities and Reserves - UNAUDITED					
4			12/31/2022		12/31/2023	
5			Budget Approved for Year 2022	Actual through YTD 12/31/2022	Budget Approved for Year 2023	Actual through YTD 12/31/2023
6		Reserve Funds Balance Forward 1/1	\$ 264,726	264,725.87	\$ 207,558	207,558.16
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8		Apportionments- collections	\$ 400,000	346,832.29	\$ 345,000	271,464.60
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10		<u>Campus Ministries Grants</u>				
11		Southeastern La University	38,000	38,000.00	38,000	38,000.00
12		Southern University (closed)	-	-	-	-
13		NOLA/Tulane	65,000	65,000.00	65,000	65,000.00
14		Univ. of La - Lafayette	60,000	60,000.00	60,000	60,000.00
15		McNeese (closed)	-	-	-	-
16		L S U-BR	75,000	75,000.00	75,000	75,000.00
17		La Tech	91,000	91,000.00	91,000	91,000.00
18		Univ. of La - Monroe	75,000	75,000.00	75,000	75,000.00
19		Northwestern (closed)	-	-	-	-
20		Centenary College (closed)	-	-	-	-
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22		Subtotal expenses	404,000	404,000.00	404,000	404,000.00
23		Administrative Expenses	-	-	-	-
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25		Subtotal expenses	404,000	404,000.00	404,000	404,000.00
26		Net Activity for year	(4,000)	(57,167.71)	(59,000)	(132,535.40)
27						
28		Transfer from Usage of Reserves from Disaffiliated churches apportionment Collections	-	-	-	56,164.13
29		Ending Reserve Balance	\$ 260,726	\$ 207,558.16	\$ 148,558	\$ 131,186.89
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32		Wesley Fdn. Reserves Fund				
33		Reserve Balance forward 1/1		\$ 661,543.52		\$ 674,774.39
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35		Interest income on Investments 2%		13,230.87		13,495.49
36		Ending Reserve Balance		\$ 674,774.39		\$ 688,269.88
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40		Bd Higher Education Apportionment Distributions- YEAR END ONLY-UNAUDITED				
41				Conference Apportionments paid out 12/31/2022		Conference Apportionments paid out 12/31/2023
42		<u>Centenary College</u>				
43		Apportionment Revenue		\$ 200,316		\$ 165,239
44		Transfer from Usage of Reserves from Disaffiliated churches apportionment Collections		-		34,187
45		Total payouts to Centenary College		\$ 200,316		\$ 199,426
46		<u>Dillard University</u>				
47		Apportionment Revenue		\$ 38,155		\$ 31,474
48		Transfer from Usage of Reserves from Disaffiliated churches apportionment Collections		-		6,511.78
49		Total payouts to Dillard University		\$ 38,155.36		\$ 37,985.95

Dept	Account#	Description	LAUMC Operating for MEF -CBOM (Unused funds)	LAUMC Operating for CBOM (Unused funds)	Elder Deacon Scholarships - BOM 686. This account was closed in 2023	Special UMFLA Grant with CBOM Match FUNDS	Clergy Exiting Fund	Totals for 9/30/2023
		Balance carried forward from 12/31/2022 report	\$ -	\$ 426,911.26	\$ 2,203.98	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 61,244.72	\$ 495,159.96
115	4115000	Income - Transferred from Gen. Ch. for Min. Edu. Fund - 25%	69,019.27	-	-	-	-	69,019.27
		520 Ministers' Education Fund						
		INCOME						
520	4520000	Pastoral Care Fund -CBOM Apportionments	-	31,474.17	-	-	-	31,474.17
520	4520200	Psychological Assessment Fees Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
520	4520300	Background Checks Fees Income	311.79	-	-	-	-	311.79
520	4520400	Sacred Trust Fees Income	4,535.76	-	-	-	-	4,535.76
520	4520500	Enlistment/Candidacy Fees Income	1,095.19	-	-	-	-	1,095.19
520	4520510	Order of Deacons Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
520	4520570	License to Preach Fees Income	2,250.00	-	-	-	-	2,250.00
520	4520600	Continuing Education Fees Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
520	4520650	Grant Income	293.21	-	-	-	-	293.21
520	4520700	MEF loans - recovered, net of uncollectible	3,900.00	-	-	-	-	3,900.00
520	4520097	LAC767-CBOM-PCF Interest	-	9,202.40	-	-	-	9,202.40
520	4520098	BOM686/689-CBOM-Elder/Deacon -Interest	-	-	2.81	-	-	2.81
		Total INCOME	12,385.95	40,676.57	2.81	-	-	53,065.33
		EXPENSES						
520	5520100	CBOM Administrative expenses	-	(1,872.12)	-	-	-	(1,872.12)
520	5520120	Annual Conference Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
520	5520130	CBOM Pastoral Excellence expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
520	5520131	CBOM Residence in Ministry Process	(13,634.37)	-	-	-	-	(13,634.37)
520	5520150	Officers' Training expenses	-	(3,697.73)	-	-	-	(3,697.73)
520	5520200	Psychological Assessments expenses	(9,850.00)	-	-	-	-	(9,850.00)
520	5520300	Background checks expenses	(295.65)	-	-	-	-	(295.65)
520	5520425	Elders- Seminary Grants (UMF)	(11,900.00)	-	-	-	-	(11,900.00)
520	5520450	Deacons-Seminary Grants (UMF)	-	-	-	-	-	-
520	5520500	Enlistment/Candidacy expense	(5,339.71)	-	-	-	-	(5,339.71)
520	5520510	Division of Elders expense	-	(6,345.02)	-	-	-	(6,345.02)
520	5520520	Order of Elders expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
520	5520530	Division of Deacons/Diaconals expenses	-	(2,338.66)	-	-	-	(2,338.66)
520	5520535	Fellowship of LP & AM expenses	-	(2,919.76)	-	-	-	(2,919.76)
520	5520540	Div. of Deacons/Diaconals-Seminary Grants	-	(559.00)	-	-	-	(559.00)
520	5520545	Order of Deacons Expenses	-	(1,993.09)	-	-	-	(1,993.09)
520	5520550	Div. of Associate Members & Local Pastors exp	-	(215.01)	-	-	-	(215.01)
520	5520560	COSS-Local Pastors/Assoc. Ministers expenses	(6,275.00)	-	-	-	-	(6,275.00)
520	5520570	License to Preach expenses	(5,268.35)	-	-	-	-	(5,268.35)
520	5520580	Coordinator's expense refund form prior year	-	(58.17)	-	-	-	(58.17)
520	5520590	Pastoral Care and Nurturing expenses	-	(36,020.30)	-	-	-	(36,020.30)
520	5520590	CBOM Match for UMFLA Special Counseling Gr	-	4,800.00	-	(4,800.00)	-	-
520	5520690	Special Counseling Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
520	5520595	Conference Relations, EM, & ABLC expenses	-	(224.35)	-	-	-	(224.35)
520	5520600	Continuing Education Expenses	-	(3,617.30)	-	-	-	(3,617.30)
520	5520700	Clergy: Couples, Spouses Women Events	-	(19,499.88)	-	-	-	(19,499.88)
525	5525000	Clergy transition/exiting expense	-	-	-	-	(1,766.93)	(1,766.93)
		Total EXPENSES	(52,563.08)	(74,560.39)	-	(4,800.00)	(1,766.93)	(133,690.40)
		Net CY activity through	28,842.14	(33,883.82)	2.81	(4,800.00)	(1,766.93)	(80,625.07)
		Transfer from Usage of Reserves from Disaffiliated churches apportionment Collections	-	6,511.78	-	-	-	6,511.78
		12/31/2023 Balance in bank/UMF Investment accounts before year end transfers	-	2.81	(2.81)	-	-	-
		Interest income distribuion from CBOM funds at UMFLA	-	4,339.15	-	-	-	4,339.15
		Transfer due to Hancock Whitney Operating to LAC 767 (true up) (NOTE: actual transfer of funds will occur in late January after closing the year end books for all accounts) Transfer to/from reserves (current year activity reduced by over transfer amount last year)	2,203.98	-	(2,203.98)	-	-	-
		Projected Net PCF/MEF available funds as of 12/31/2023	\$ 31,046.12	\$ 403,881.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,477.79	\$ 425,385.82
		Balance of all CBOM regular Funds by type				\$ 434,927.30	\$ 59,477.79	\$ 494,405.09
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	Class	Description	Reserve Balances forward 1/1/2023	Receipts	Expenditures	Net Activity for period 12/31/2023	Transfers between BOT funds/class	Ending Reserve Balance as of 12/31/2023	
67	18	SH - Summer Grove, Shreveport closed 6/2022	(15,047.28)	-	(25,630.15)	(25,630.15)	-	(40,677.43)	67
68	19	AX - St. Maurice UMC (closed 2/20/2022)	(1,238.29)	-	(1,000.25)	(1,000.25)	-	(2,238.54)	68
69	20	SH- Cotton Valley, church and parsonage, cemetery	-	-	(1,757.56)	(1,757.56)	-	(1,757.56)	69
70	21	SH- Mangum Memorial UMC closed 6/30/2022	-	-	(41,266.49)	(41,266.49)	-	(73,266.56)	70
71	22	NO-Newell UMC , church and education bldg	-	-	(2,348.03)	(2,348.03)	(32,000.07)	(2,348.03)	71
72	23	NO-Fisher - Church and Cemetery	-	-	(1,200.00)	(1,200.00)	-	(1,200.00)	72
73	24	SH - Legacy/Love Chapel (closed 8/2023)	-	-	(2,807.28)	(2,807.28)	-	(2,807.28)	73
74	25	BR- James Chapel (closed 8/2023)	-	-	(850.00)	(850.00)	-	(850.00)	74
75	26	LCAC-Mathews Memorial (closed 9/2023)	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
76	27	AL- Pelican UMC (closing 10/2023)	-	-	(285.09)	(285.09)	-	(285.09)	76
77	28	AL - Atlanta UMC (closing Exigent 11/2023)	-	-	(286.56)	(286.56)	-	(286.56)	77
78	29	BR - Concord UMC (closing Exigent 9/2023)	-	-	(611.56)	(611.56)	-	(611.56)	78
79	30	BR New Hope UMC (closing Exigent 9/2023)	-	-	(435.96)	(435.96)	-	(435.96)	79
80	31	SH - Haughton UMC (closing Exigent 11/2023)	-	-	(506.89)	(506.89)	-	(506.89)	80
81	32	LCAC - Wilson Memorial 5828 Hwy 81E, Lottie, LA	-	-	(300.00)	(300.00)	-	(300.00)	81
82	33	LCAC - Wilson Memorial, Lottie Cottonwood Cemetery)	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
83	34	NO - Luther UMC (in process-end of missional life by 6/2024)	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
84	35	AX - Trinity, Alexandria UMC (in process-end of missional life by 6/2024)	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
85	36	AX - Hall Summit UMC (in process-end of missional life by 6/2024)	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
86	37	SH Whitehall (in process-end of missional life by 6/2024)	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
87	38	MN - Colquitt UMC (in process-end of missional life by 6/2024)	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
88	38	BR- Southern Univ. Wesley Foundation bldg (closed 3/2020)	-	-	-	-	-	-	88
89	39	NO - Parker Memorial UMC (closed 10/2019 exigent)	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
90	Subtotal l b costs incurred for closed churches/ parsonages properties			(72,162.95)	(103,444.14)	(103,444.14)	(26,169.09)	(201,776.18)	90
91	Total CBOT Operations Reserves, net, l a. and l b. \$			1,335,251.17	449,871.54	(270,495.35)	179,376.19	1,488,458.27	91

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	Class	Description	Reserve Balances forward 1/1/2023	Receipts	Expenditures	Net Activity for period 12/31/2023	Transfers between BOT funds/class	Ending Reserve Balance as of 12/31/2023	
92	II	Sales proceeds of closed church properties							92
93	Year 2021	closed church sales balance forward							93
94	1	BR - Walker UMC sale closed 1/20/2021	159,539.49	-	-	-	-	159,539.49	94
95	2	AC - Rosedale (closed 2015) on Hwy 7, Rosedale	85,862.05	-	-	-	-	85,862.05	95
96	3	MN - Choudrant UMC (disaffiliation 6/2021)	57,244.31	-	-	-	-	57,244.31	96
97	4	LC - First Church, Kinder (closed 2018) closed 7/2021	97,395.01	-	-	-	-	97,395.01	97
98	5	SH - Walker's Chapel, (closed 2/7/2020) Plain Dealing	6,023.05	-	-	-	-	6,023.05	98
99	6	Scott's Chapel (sold in 2021)	2,682.50	-	-	-	-	2,682.50	99
100	7	Other should be in CBOT operations	983.48	-	-	-	-	983.48	100
101	Year 2022	closed church sales:							101
102	8	LC - Centenary, Rayne (closed 4/1/2018) sold 1/2022	59,422.05	-	-	-	-	59,422.05	102
103	9	LC - Centenary, Rayne (closed 4/1/2018) Parsonage sold 1/2022		-	-	-	-		103
104	10	LC - Liberty Chapel, Dry Prong (church bldg only) sold 6/2022	3,102.50	-	-	-	-	3,102.50	104
105	11	MN - Chatham, exigent 4/2021, sold 9/2022	27,482.10	-	-	-	-	27,482.10	105
106	12	MN - Beulah, exigent closure 2/2021, sold 6/2022	47,836.35	-	-	-	-	47,836.35	106
107	Transferred in from Districts 6/30/2022:								107
108	13	LC-AC (formerly AC) Sale of UMC church on 121 Trinity Court 10/7/2009	183,699.31	-	-	-	-	183,699.31	108
109	14	BR - Sale of Lejeune UMC, Port Allen, sold in 2003	166,337.48	-	-	-	-	166,337.48	109
110	15	MN - Sale of 2.7 acres on Find's Hwy Road in 1991	112,489.02	-	-	-	-	112,489.02	110
111	16	NO - Sale of 1220 Felicity Street property 2/27/2011	232,258.17	-	-	-	-	232,258.17	111
112	17	NO - Sale of St. James UMC property 4/29/1995, and 10/30/1995	125,646.00	-	-	-	-	125,646.00	112
113	18	NO - Sale of property in Pardis, LA 1/24/1996	20,710.00	-	-	-	-	20,710.00	113
114	19	NO - Sale of Jefferson UMC, 527 Jefferson Park Ave., NO 5/26/2008	153,909.00	-	-	-	-	153,909.00	114
115	20	NO - Sale of 2524 Napoleon St., NO NO 6/13/2008	111,693.23	-	-	-	-	111,693.23	115
116	Transferred from Congregational Development in 3/2023								116
117	21	St. Paul UMC, Harahan-Church (sold 2018)	-	-	-	-	-	343,099.96	117
118	22	St. Paul Harahan Parsonage(sold 2018)	-	-	-	-	-	213,097.31	118
119	23	Bethany TX (sold 2018)	-	-	-	-	-	1,593.64	119
120	24	Lakeview-SH, parsonage (sold 2018)	-	-	-	-	-	152,325.89	120
121	25	Ninde Chapel, Rev. Know(sold 2015)	-	-	-	-	-	15,000.00	121
122	26	Corbin UMC (sold 2018)	-	-	-	-	-	98,988.37	122
123	27	Iota UMC, Eunice, LA-2/2017	-	-	-	-	-	22,580.50	123
124	28	Washington UMC, Bastrop, La- 10/2017	-	-	-	-	-	1,300.00	124
125	29	Prospect, Florien, La - 4/2014	-	-	-	-	-	29,000.00	125
126	30	St. Luke UMC, Baton Rouge, La - 12/2017	-	-	-	-	-	155,069.48	126
127	31	NO Trinity, Gentilly Church (sold 2028)	-	-	-	-	-	172,644.12	127
128	32	MN Pioneer, Church (sold 2018)	-	-	-	-	-	77,568.46	128
129	33	NO-The Well Bldg., Land 2020	-	-	-	-	-	28,361.90	129
130	34	NO-St. James, Hahnville 2020	-	-	-	-	-	53,805.60	130
131	35	LC-Liberty Chapel 2020	-	-	-	-	-	35,677.73	131
132	36	MN-Baskin UMC 2020	-	-	-	-	-	6,425.00	132
133	37	NO - 1Love Church/Parsonage 2020	-	-	-	-	-	291,059.35	133
134	38	SH-Lakeview, Shreveport 2020	-	-	-	-	-	430,883.62	134
135	39	Less - Special Matching Grant to Thomas UMC in NO/Metairie in 2022	-	-	-	-	-	(50,000.00)	135
136	40	Less HVAC Grant disbursements	-	-	(41,166.19)	(41,166.19)	-	(41,166.19)	136

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	Class Description		Reserve Balances forward 1/1/2023	Receipts	Expenditures	Net Activity for period 12/31/2023	Transfers between BOT funds/class	Ending Reserve Balance as of 12/31/2023	
136	Property Sales (or donations) during 2023		-	-	-	-			136
137	41 Grand Cane UMC - Land only (sold		-	13,826.00	(2,906.70)	10,919.30	(150.00)	10,769.30	137
138	42 LC - Oberlin Church (sold		-	38,065.00	(150.00)	37,915.00	(5,680.98)	32,234.02	138
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	Total SALES of closed church and parsonage properties		\$ 1,654,315.10	\$ 51,891.00	\$ (44,222.89)	\$ 7,668.11	\$ 2,072,649.95	\$ 3,734,633.16	141
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	III Building Maintenance - 527 North - Reserve								142
143	Balance Forward 1/1/2023		\$ 108,281.62					\$ 108,281.62	143
144	Building Maintenance-recurring-(Includes property insurance) apportionment budget \$10,000			52,230.65	(59,750.04)	(7,519.39)	-		144
145	Building Maintenance-nonrecurring - apportionment budget \$10,000			9,496.47	(20,689.82)	(11,193.35)	-	(18,712.74)	145
146	Total for 527 North Building		\$ 108,281.62	\$ 61,727.12	\$ (80,439.86)	\$ (18,712.74)	\$ -	\$ 89,568.88	146
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	IV Episcopal Residence Maintenance - Reserve								149
150	Balance Forward 1/1/2023		\$ 68,787.43					\$ 68,787.43	150
151	Residence recurring expenses -(includes property insurance) recurring-Apportionments \$25,000		-	23,741.22	(61,667.60)	(22,926.38)	-		151
152	Residence - GCFA proceeds		-	15,000.00			-	(22,926.38)	152
153	Residence-nonrecurring-Apportionments \$0 budget for 2023		-	-	-	-	-		153
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	Total for Episcopal Residence		\$ 68,787.43	\$ 38,741.22	\$ (61,667.60)	\$ (22,926.38)		\$ 45,861.05	155
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	V Parsonages Sale Proceeds - Reserve								157
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158	Balance Forward 1/1/2023								158
159	Conference Parsonages (DCM and Dir. of F & A) sold prior to 2014		\$ 543,150.84	-	-	-		\$ 543,150.84	159
160	LC - District Parsonage (sold 12/7/2020)		264,598.69	-	-	-	-	264,598.69	160
161	BR - District Parsonage (sold 4/23/2021)		249,595.00	-	-	-	-	249,595.00	161
162	MN- District Parsonage (sold 10/2021)		261,092.58	-	-	-	-	261,092.58	162
163	Alexandria District Parsonage (sold in 2014) transferred from Districts (Shreveport used all of the proceeds it had received for improvements to Shreveport parsonage)		128,285.97	-	-	-	-	128,285.97	163
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	Total for Districts Parsonages Sales (pending disposition)		\$ 1,446,723.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,446,723.08	165
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166	Note in 2023 and forward, a distribution from investment earnings on these funds (V.) will be used for the operations and maintenance of the 3 remaining District parsonages								166

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Financial Reports of Reserves - By Ministry Area - Modified Cash Basis-UNAUDITED									
As of December 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)									
NET RESERVE BALANCES - CONFERENCE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ONLY (Does not include Districts' Funds)									
Ministry areas and subcategories of reserve funds:	Not Restricted by Donor			Restricted by Donor		TOTAL All Reserves - Unaudited			
	No restrictions	Designated by Council/ Approved by CFA	Designated by Book of Discipline	Restricted by Donor as to use					
<u>VIM Designated Funds UMF 692 693 748</u>									
<u>Oversight and Spending Authority:</u> There are three Volunteers in Mission reserves funds that are maintained and overseen by the Conference Office of Missional Engagement and Outreach. Primarily these funds were given for specific use and are restricted to that use only.	-	-	-		30,487.76	30,487.76			
<u>BOL-Daughenbaugh-Matheny Scholarship Fund</u>									
<u>Oversight and Spending Authority:</u> These reserves funds are maintained and overseen by the Conference Board of Laity. Primarily these funds were given for specific use as tuition grants for students at Dillard and Centenary.	-	-	-		41,757.83	41,757.83			
<u>Lydia Patterson Chapel</u>									
<u>Oversight and Spending Authority:</u> These reserves funds were received and maintained as part of a pledge program from all Louisiana Conference churches. The funds were given for the specific purpose of building the Lydia Patterson Institute Chapel. Although the Conference has raised the funds it pledged, to date the Institute has not been able to initiate the Chapel building project and so the Conference has elected to retain these funds until the new or revised plans are published for Lydia Patterson's Chapel project.	-	183,585.17	-		264,853.24	448,438.41			
<u>Other designated or restricted funds</u>									
<u>Oversight and Spending Authority:</u> The Conference maintains various small designated reserve funds for Special Sunday offerings as well as internal ministries that occur over multiple years. These funds are overseen primarily by the Conference, the Bishop, and the Assistant to the Bishop. and include reserves for Safe Sanctuaries and Youth Ministries programming.		131,857.61		48,890.57	2,000.00	182,748.18			
<u>Subtotal Congregational Vitality</u>	-	4,865,604.60		410,304.31	789,341.76	6,065,250.67			
<u>Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence</u>									
<u>Clergy Excellence Pastoral Effectiveness</u>									
<u>Oversight and Spending Authority:</u> The Conference Office of Clergy Excellence and Pastoral Excellence oversees these reserve funds. The major portion of these reserves comes from unused apportionment collections over multiple years for long term clergy and pastoral excellence programs. Approximately \$150,000 of the balance originated from the Conference restructure in 2016 when previous funds were reserved for Clergy Excellence initiatives for Hispanic and Multicultural work. Those funds were accumulated from unused apportionments as well. This ministry area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year.	-	220,411.96	-	-	-	220,411.96			
<u>Conf. Board of Ordained Ministry</u>									
<u>Oversight and Spending Authority:</u> The Conference Board of Ordained Ministry with assistance by the Coordinator of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Assistant to the Bishop oversees these reserve funds. The major portion of these reserves comes from unused apportionment collections over multiple years for long term ordained, licensing and credentialing ministry education, and clergy exiting funds, as well as pastoral care programs. Through 2013, the CBOM had accumulated almost \$500,000, but in the last eight years has intentionally reduced its apportionment budget request amounts in an effort to reduce the reserves held. This ministry area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year.	-	494,405.09	-	-	-	494,405.09			
<u>Pastoral Care Fund-Clergy Leave, Transition</u>									
<u>Oversight and Spending Authority:</u> The Conference Office of Clergy Excellence and Pastoral Excellence, the Cabinet, and the Bishop jointly oversee these reserve funds. The major portion of these reserves comes from unused apportionment collections over multiple years. This ministry area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year.	-	326,354.50	-	-	-	326,354.50			

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Financial Reports of Reserves - By Ministry Area - Modified Cash Basis-UNAUDITED						
As of December 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)						
NET RESERVE BALANCES - CONFERENCE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ONLY (Does not include Districts' Funds)						
		Not Restricted by Donor			Restricted by Donor	TOTAL All Reserves - Unaudited
		No restrictions	Designated by Council/ Approved by CFA	Designated by Book of Discipline	Restricted by Donor as to use	
Ministry areas and subcategories of reserve funds:						
	Communications Ministries					
	Oversight and Spending Authority: This ministry area serves to fund the Conference's web presence and other internet activities such as video production, pod casts, Facebook, LA Now etc., and is overseen by the Bishop, the Assistant to the Bishop, the Director of Communications Strategies with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer. The funds for this area are sourced from apportionments. The funds were accumulated over several years beginning in 2016 with the restructuring of the Conference in anticipation of moving to an all digital communications platforms. The process for conversion has been gradual and it is anticipated that the reserve will be depleted over the next few years. The funds for this expense are sourced from apportionments. It is anticipated that digital communications will be significant budgetary consideration going forward and with the rapid change in technology and equipment needs. This Ministry area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year.	-	69,887.92	-	-	69,887.92
	General/Jurisdictional Delegation					
	Oversight and Spending Authority: This ministry area serves to fund the delegates expenses to both Jurisdictional and General Conference events. Such event usually occur every four years with some interim meetings. These funds are overseen by the Delegation leadership and the Treasurer. The funds for this expense are sourced from apportionments but also registration fees to delegates assist with underwriting the financial costs of the event. Thus the apportionment funds accumulate over a four year period but are used in the year of General and Jurisdiction meetings. Some locations of meetings are more expensive and thus the need for reserves to flatten the annual apportionment budget. This Ministry area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year.	-	147,343.66	-	-	147,343.66
	Episcopacy matters					
	Oversight and Spending Authority: This ministry area serves to fund Episcopal related expenditures including the Episcopal Committee, Residence, Area Administration, and the Bishop's Program Priorities. The funds are overseen by the Conference Board of Trustees, the Bishop with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer. The funds for this expense are sourced from apportionments. This Ministry area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year.	-	79,747.31	-	-	79,747.31
	Holy Land w/Bishop-Ordinands' Funds					
	Oversight and Spending Authority: These funds are overseen jointly by the Bishop, Assistant to the Bishop, Coordinator of Ordained Ministry. These reserves come from donations and gifts which are restricted as to use from various sources for assistance to newly ordained, commissioned, and licensed clergy in assisting with the Bi-Annual costs of the Holy Land Trip.	-	-	-	48,492.00	48,492.00
	Equitable Compensation Fund					
	Oversight and Spending Authority: The Conference Committee on Equitable Compensation jointly with the Cabinet oversee these reserve funds. The major portion of these reserves comes from designations by CFA in past years for matters falling under equitable compensation issues.	-	54,252.49	-	-	54,252.49
	Clergy Defense Fund					
	Oversight and Spending Authority: The Conference Cabinet, Chancellor and Bishop jointly oversee these reserve funds although no monies have ever been used from this fund. The major portion of these reserves comes from donations and gifts from local churches in past years for assistance to clergy in the event of legal fees incurred as a defense to an unsubstantiated misconduct claim.	-	-	-	315,685.07	315,685.07
	Ministers' Emergency Fund					
	Oversight and Spending Authority: The Conference Cabinet and Bishop jointly oversee these reserve funds. These reserves come from donations and gifts from clergy for assistance to clergy in the event of an emergency situation.	-	-	-	128,046.31	128,046.31
	Subtotal Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence	-	1,392,402.93	-	492,223.38	1,884,626.31

Louisiana Conference of the UMC Finance and Administration Only - (Does not include Districts)						
Financial Reports of Reserves - By Ministry Area - Modified Cash Basis-UNAUDITED						
As of December 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)						
NET RESERVE BALANCES - CONFERENCE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ONLY (Does not include Districts' Funds)						
Ministry areas and subcategories of reserve funds:	No restrictions	Not Restricted by Donor		Restricted by Donor		TOTAL All Reserves - Unaudited
		Designated by Council/ Approved by CFA	Designated by Book of Discipline	Restricted by Donor	Restricted by Donor as to use	
Administrative Ministries						
Chancellor fees						
Oversight and Spending Authority: This ministry area serves to fund professional legal fees and costs for the Conference. These funds are overseen by the Bishop, Assistant to the Bishop, the Conference Board of Trustees with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer. The funds are sourced from apportionments. Reserves have accumulated in the recent past with the anticipation that various legal matters will arise due to the current denominational uncertainties. This Ministry area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year.						
Network/IT software and Hardware - Reserves						
Oversight and Spending Authority: This ministry area serves to fund costs, repairs, maintenance of the IT infrastructure for the Conference Office building located at 527 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. These funds are overseen by the Conference Treasurer, Assistant to the Bishop and the Director of Communications Strategies. The funds are sourced primarily from unused apportionments, This area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year to secure the long term access to IT infrastructure updates and changes thereto.						
Board of Trustees - "Operations"						
Oversight and Spending Authority: This ministry area serves to fund various miscellaneous administrative expenses and costs for the Conference. These funds are overseen by the Conference Board of Trustees with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer. The funds are originally sourced from apportionments, but also from rents of closed church properties, as well as significant oil and gas royalties. This Ministry area is allowed to carryforward unused funds from year to year.						
Board of Trustees - closed church properties (carrying costs)						
Oversight and Spending Authority: The Board of Trustees are required to fund minimal utilities, lawn care, and insurance on many closed church properties. These maintenance costs can be recovered only if/when there is a sale of the property. These funds are overseen by the Conference Board of Trustees with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer. Oversight and Spending Authority: The Board of Trustees and CFA jointly oversee these reserve funds						
527 North Bldg Maintenance and Repairs						
Oversight and Spending Authority: This ministry area serves to fund operating costs, repairs, maintenance and IT infrastructure for the Conference Office building located at 527 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. These funds are overseen by the Conference Board of Trustees with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer, Assistant to the Bishop and the Director of Communications Strategies. The funds are sourced primarily from unused apportionments, although some BOT investment earnings was transferred in to address long term deferred maintenance issues. Most of those facilities issues are still pending. This area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year to preserve and maintain assets of the BOT.						
Episcopal Residence						
Oversight and Spending Authority: This ministry area serves to fund operating costs, repairs, and maintenance for the Episcopal Residence located at 3233 Gilbert Dr., Baton Rouge, LA. These funds are overseen by the Conference Board of Trustees with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer. The funds are sourced primarily from unused apportionments, This area is allowed to carryforward unused apportionments from year to year to preserve and maintain assets of the BOT.						
Closed Church Properties sales proceeds						
Oversight and Spending Authority: These funds are overseen jointly by the Cabinet, CTD, and the Conference Board of Trustees with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer. The funds are sourced primarily from sales of closed church properties net of carrying or other costs to sell. These funds are restricted by Book Discipline Par 2549.7.						

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As of December 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)						
NET RESERVE BALANCES - CONFERENCE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ONLY (Does not include Districts' Funds)						
Ministry areas and subcategories of reserve funds:	Not Restricted by Donor			Restricted by Donor		TOTAL All Reserves - Unaudited
	No restrictions	Designated by Council/ Approved by CFA	Designated by Book of Discipline	Restricted by Donor as to use		
Sales proceeds of Conference and District Parsonages						
Oversight and Spending Authority: The Board of Trustees and CFA jointly oversee these reserve funds which were sourced from the sale of various Conference and District parsonages. These funds are not restricted to use as outlined in the Book of Discipline, but are currently designated in the event of future need to purchase Conference or District parsonages.		1,446,723.08				1,446,723.08
General Reserves-undesignated						
Oversight and Spending Authority: CFA oversees these reserve funds which are sourced from the accumulation of various ministry areas that do not have the authority to carryforward unused apportionments form year to year, as well as investment earnings on the excess cash flow from various reserve funds. These funds could be designated by CFA to be used in times significant financial pressure. See CFA's Excess Reserve policy in the 2023 Journal.						
	4,588,448.05	-	-	-		4,588,448.05
General Reserves-Unrealized Investment Gains						
Oversight and Spending Authority: CFA oversees these reserve funds which represent the cumulative change in market value or unrealized holding gains of the various investments in the UMFLa accounts from the excess cash flow reserve funds. Due to the volatility of the market, the General Reserves policy allows for separation of these amounts from the General Reserves. See CFA's reserve policy in the 2023 Journal.		462,144.16	-	-		462,144.16
Designated Special Reserves - Collections for Future Apportionments from Disaffiliating Churches						
Oversight and Spending Authority: During 2022 and 2023, the Conference collected future years' apportionment from churches disaffiliating in accordance with approved CBOT formula. CFA oversees these funds and plans to utilize these monies over the next 2-3 years to subsidize the expenditures of the Conference.		3,385,172.92	-	-		3,385,172.92
Designated Special Reserves (sunset 12/31/2024)						
Oversight and Spending Authority: In 2022, CFA approved designating \$450,XXX of "excess" General Reserves for special uses identified by the Cabinet and Conference Office. If not used for these strategic areas by 12/31/2024, these funds were to sunset and be returned to General Reserves.		241,968.88	-	-		241,968.88
Other Designated Funds						
Oversight and Spending Authority: The Conference maintains various small designated reserve funds for internal ministries that have been carried for multiple year. These funds are overseen primarily by the Treasurer with oversight and reporting to CFA.		28,527.68	-	-		28,527.68
	4,588,448.05	7,635,616.32	3,734,633.16	-		15,958,697.53
Subtotal Administrative Ministries						
Disaster Response and Recovery						
Disaster Response-General Reserves						
Oversight and Spending Authority: These reserves funds are maintained and overseen by the Conference Office of Missional Outreach and Engagement, the Bishop, Assistant to the Bishop with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer. Approximately half of these were pre-designated with permission from the donors for general disaster response work in 2019. The other half are primarily donations and gifts specifically for use in Hurricane Ida that occurred across the state during the fall of 2021.		423,601.38	-	410,125.21		833,726.59

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Financial Reports of Reserves - By Ministry Area - Modified Cash Basis-UNAUDITED						
As of December 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)						
NET RESERVE BALANCES - CONFERENCE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -DISTRICTS' FUNDS						
Ministry areas and subcategories of reserve funds:	Not Restricted by Donor			Restricted by Donor		TOTAL All Reserves - Unaudited
	No restrictions	Designated by Council/ Approved by CFA	Designated by Book of Discipline	Restricted by Donor as to use		
Districts' Unrestricted and Designated Reserves						
LAKE CHARLES-ACADIANA (Formerly ACADIANA)	161,472.42	102,817.53	-	-		264,289.95
BATON ROUGE	142,271.36	7,222.14	-	-		149,493.50
ALEXANDRIA (formerly LAKE CHARLES)	249,567.98	80,322.23	-	-		329,890.21
MONROE	236,600.76	1,729.60	-	-		238,330.36
NEW ORLEANS	53,707.98	406,023.82	-	-		459,731.80
SHREVEPORT	279,522.82	941,217.14	-	-		1,220,739.96
Oversight and Spending Authority: These reserves funds are maintained and overseen by each of the six Districts' Finance Committees with supplemental assistance by the Treasurer.						
	1,123,143.32	1,539,332.46	-	-		2,662,475.78
Total all Finance and Administration Reserves	\$ 5,711,591.37	\$ 15,856,557.69	\$ 4,144,937.47	\$ 1,691,690.35	\$	27,404,776.88

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Louisiana Conference of the
United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction -
Finance and Administrative Services,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction - Finance and Administrative Services (the "Finance and Administrative Services"), a nonprofit organization, which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities and net assets - modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis and functional expenses - modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction - Finance and Administrative Services as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets - modified cash basis and functional expenses - modified cash basis for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Finance and Administrative Services and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Basis of Accounting

We draw your attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements and supplementary information are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Finance and Administrative Services' ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Finance and Administrative Services' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Finance and Administrative Services' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information as listed in the index to the report is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	(Restated) <u>2022</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 698,327	\$ 2,403,651
Investments at fair value	26,877,151	22,168,691
Apportionments, benefits, and miscellaneous receivables	<u>194,174</u>	<u>168,239</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ <u>27,769,652</u>	 \$ <u>24,740,581</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
LIABILITIES:		
Distributions payable	\$ 121,725	\$ 194,306
Due to Board of Pensions	<u>243,209</u>	<u>384,777</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>364,934</u>	 <u>579,083</u>
NET ASSETS:		
With donor restrictions	2,098,744	2,642,439
Without donor restrictions	<u>25,305,974</u>	<u>21,519,059</u>
 Total net assets	 <u>27,404,718</u>	 <u>24,161,498</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 \$ <u>27,769,652</u>	 \$ <u>24,740,581</u>

See notes to financial statements - modified cash basis.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	<u>Totals</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES:			
Apportionment	\$ 4,743,130	\$ -	\$ 4,743,130
Interest and dividend income	659,713	10,818	670,531
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	2,159,510	60,030	2,219,540
Contributions	182,202	34,860	217,062
Sales proceeds	53,691	-	53,691
Other income	568,111	2,717	570,828
Other income - disaffiliated churches	2,430,318	-	2,430,318
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>652,120</u>	<u>(652,120)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>11,448,795</u>	<u>(543,695)</u>	<u>10,905,100</u>
EXPENSES:			
Program service	5,790,000	-	5,790,000
General and administrative	<u>1,871,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,871,880</u>
Total expenses	<u>7,661,880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,661,880</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	3,786,915	(543,695)	3,243,220
NET ASSETS:			
Beginning of year, restated	<u>21,519,059</u>	<u>2,642,439</u>	<u>24,161,498</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 25,305,974</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,744</u>	<u>\$ 27,404,718</u>

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	(Restated) Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	(Restated) With Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	<u>Totals</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES:			
Apportionment	\$ 5,711,287	\$ -	\$ 5,711,287
Return of prior year apportionments	(359,418)	-	(359,418)
Interest and dividend income	428,271	13,177	441,448
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(3,160,457)	(125,441)	(3,285,898)
Contributions	200,388	741,033	941,421
Sales proceeds	652,905	-	652,905
Other income	545,258	4,058	549,316
Other income - disaffiliated churches	1,915,486	-	1,915,486
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>995,945</u>	<u>(995,945)</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total support and revenues	 <u>6,929,665</u>	 <u>(363,118)</u>	 <u>6,566,547</u>
EXPENSES:			
Program service	5,260,454	-	5,260,454
General and administrative	<u>2,120,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,120,445</u>
 Total expenses	 <u>7,380,899</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>7,380,899</u>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	 (451,234)	 (363,118)	 (814,352)
NET ASSETS:			
Beginning of year, as previously stated	21,543,692	3,432,158	24,975,850
 Prior period adjustment	 <u>426,601</u>	 <u>(426,601)</u>	 <u>-</u>
 Beginning of year, restated	 <u>21,970,293</u>	 <u>3,005,557</u>	 <u>24,975,850</u>
 End of year	 <u>\$ 21,519,059</u>	 <u>\$ 2,642,439</u>	 <u>\$ 24,161,498</u>

See notes to financial statements - modified cash basis.

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
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	<u>Program</u>	<u>General and Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>General, South Central Jurisdictional Conference and Other</u>			
Apportionment distributions - General conference	\$ 1,711,099	\$ -	\$ 1,711,099
Apportionment distributions - South Central Jurisdiction	68,709	-	68,709
Distributions - Special Sundays and special collections	74,207	-	74,207
Total General, South Central Jurisdictional Conference and Other	<u>1,854,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,854,015</u>
<u>Congregational Vitality and Clergy Excellence Ministries</u>			
Apportionment distributions - Louisiana Conference	620,757	-	620,757
Clergy and pastoral BOM expenses	203,861	-	203,861
Communications, computer, IT	75,342	-	75,342
Congregational vitality grant projects	625,017	-	625,017
Congregational vitality training expenses	26,528	-	26,528
Disaster response expenses	480,483	-	480,483
Distributions - Centenary College	199,426	-	199,426
Distributions - Dillard University	37,986	-	37,986
Distributions - Special Sundays and special collections	64,699	-	64,699
Health insurance expense	90,540	-	90,540
Ministry administrative and meetings expenses	5,155	-	5,155
Payroll tax expenses	12,545	-	12,545
Pension and retirement expense	58,665	-	58,665
Salaries and housing allowance	525,238	-	525,238
Travel, meals and professional expenses	39,130	-	39,130
Youth ministries	20,375	-	20,375
Total Congregational Vitality and Clergy Excellence Ministries	<u>3,085,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,085,747</u>
<u>Cabinet, District Superintendents and Administrative Ministries</u>			
Board of Trustee operating expenses	-	141,165	141,165
Boy Scouts of America Litigation	604,288	-	604,288
Cabinet meeting expense	-	65,398	65,398
Closed Churches' property expense	-	108,004	108,004
Computer and IT expenses	-	45,443	45,443
Distribution-Pension	118,706	-	118,706
District Offices	-	48,236	48,236
District Parsonages	-	69,021	69,021
District Salaries	-	163,803	163,803
Episcopal office and residence expenses	-	85,129	85,129
Expenses-Annual Conference Event	127,244	-	127,244
Health insurance expense	-	84,105	84,105
Ministry administrative and meetings expenses	-	572	572
Office expense	-	21,408	21,408
Payroll tax expense	-	20,567	20,567
Pension and retirement expense	-	90,849	90,849
Professional fees	-	45,307	45,307
Property, liability, and worker's comp insurance	-	48,155	48,155
Repairs and maintenance expense	-	46,794	46,794
Salaries and clergies' housing allowance	-	698,160	698,160
Telephone, internet and utilities	-	12,525	12,525
Travel, meals and professional expenses	-	77,239	77,239
Total Cabinet, District Superintendents and Administrative Ministries	<u>850,238</u>	<u>1,871,880</u>	<u>2,722,118</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,790,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,871,880</u>	<u>\$ 7,661,880</u>
See notes to financial statements - modified cash basis.			

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>Program</u>	<u>General and Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>General, South Central Jurisdictional Conference and Other</u>			
Apportionment distributions - General conference	\$ 1,718,730	\$ -	\$ 1,718,730
Apportionment distributions - South Central Jurisdiction	69,016	-	69,016
Distributions - Special Sundays and special collections	129,946	-	129,946
Total General, South Central Jurisdictional Conference and Other	<u>1,917,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,917,692</u>
<u>Congregational Vitality and Clergy Excellence Ministries</u>			
Apportionment distributions - Louisiana Conference	621,724	-	621,724
Clergy and pastoral BOM expenses	213,775	234	214,009
Communications, computer, IT	62,864	-	62,864
Congregational vitality grant projects	290,719	792	291,511
Congregational vitality training expenses	81,037	-	81,037
Disaster response expenses	1,023,704	-	1,023,704
Distributions - Centenary College	200,316	-	200,316
Distributions - Dillard University	38,155	-	38,155
Distributions - Special Sundays and special collections	67,572	-	67,572
Health insurance expense	40,620	-	40,620
Ministry administrative and meetings expenses	729	-	729
Ministry special event expense	5,747	-	5,747
Payroll tax expenses	13,911	-	13,911
Pension and retirement expense	25,666	-	25,666
Salaries and housing allowance	350,997	-	350,997
Travel, meals and professional expenses	43,070	-	43,070
Total Congregational Vitality and Clergy Excellence Ministries	<u>3,080,606</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>3,081,632</u>
<u>Cabinet, District Superintendents and Administrative Ministries</u>			
Board of Trustee operating expenses	-	20,697	20,697
Cabinet meeting expense	-	41,695	41,695
Closed Churches' property expense	-	50,068	50,068
Computer and IT expenses	-	37,673	37,673
Distribution-Pension	119,236	-	119,236
District Offices	-	50,240	50,240
District Parsonages	-	32,176	32,176
District Salaries	-	127,826	127,826
Episcopal office and residence expenses	-	77,503	77,503
Expenses-Annual Conference Event	142,920	-	142,920
Health insurance expense	-	160,420	160,420
Office expense	-	22,138	22,138
Payroll tax expense	-	34,167	34,167
Pension and retirement expense	-	142,850	142,850
Professional fees	-	43,821	43,821
Property, liability, and worker's comp insurance	-	49,090	49,090
Repairs and maintenance expense	-	63,642	63,642
Salaries and housing allowance	-	1,059,904	1,059,904
SCJ Delegation expenses	-	4,447	4,447
Telephone, internet and utilities	-	12,823	12,823
Travel, meals and professional expenses	-	88,239	88,239
Total Cabinet, District Superintendents and Administrative Ministries	<u>262,156</u>	<u>2,119,419</u>	<u>2,381,575</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,260,454</u>	<u>\$ 2,120,445</u>	<u>\$ 7,380,899</u>

See notes to financial statements - modified cash basis.

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ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES:

The accompanying financial statements of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction - Finance and Administrative Services (the "Finance and Administrative Services") include the assets, liabilities, net assets, and the financial activities of all administrative and program offices and departments maintained and directed by the Council on Finance and Administrative Services of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, a Louisiana corporation (the "Conference"). The Conference is one of fifty conferences of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in the United States. Effective January 1, 2020, the accounts of six state-wide districts merged with the Finance and Administrative Services. Subsequent to the merger, all operations of the districts are conducted and recorded by the Finance and Administrative Services.

The purpose of the Finance and Administrative Services is to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the Conference. The Conference and therefore, the Council cannot financially obligate any organizational unit of the United Methodist Church except the Conference itself. Operating support is derived primarily from apportionments to approximately 250 churches in 2023 and 430 churches in 2022 located in Louisiana, contributions, interest on cash balances, and investment earnings.

The activities of churches, the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana, the Board of Pensions, charitable institutions, and other distinct operating entities which operate within the Conference ("non-combined affiliated entities") have not been included in the accompanying financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Accounting:

The accompanying financial statements of the Finance and Administrative Services have been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which records revenue when received and expenses when paid, with the following exceptions:

- a) Investments are recorded at fair market value, with any unrealized gain or loss being reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis.
- b) Receivables and the corresponding revenues are recorded for church remittances received shortly after year-end.
- c) Payables and the corresponding expenses are recorded for obligations arising from the apportionment and benefit receipts received shortly after year-end.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Basis of Accounting: (Continued)

The modified cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America primarily because the Finance and Administrative Services has not recognized interest receivables and payables for grants, salaries and wages payables, payroll taxes payables, fixed assets, and other accrued expenses and their related effects on the change in net assets.

Basis of Presentation:

Net assets, revenues, and expenses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Finance and Administrative Services and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

- a) *Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* - Net assets that are not subject to or are no longer subject to donor-imposed stipulations.
- b) *Net Assets With Donor Restrictions* - Net assets whose use is limited by donor-imposed time and/or purpose restrictions.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, and the disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Finance and Administrative Services considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less, including sweep accounts which are overnight repurchase agreements, to be cash equivalents.

Investments:

The Finance and Administrative Services records investments at fair value as estimated net asset value (NAV) in the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis. The fair value is estimated by adjusting the NAV provided for cash receipts, disbursements, security distributions and valuation changes in market value of holdings

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Investments: (Continued)

contained in the portfolio. Unrealized and realized gains and losses are included in the net appreciation/depreciation in the fair value of investments in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are recorded as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulations or law. Interest earned on donor-restricted investments is reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Sources of Revenue:

Apportionments and contributions are the major sources of funding for the Finance and Administrative Services. Apportionments are assessed each year to the churches in the Conference. The churches are required to remit their apportionments to the Finance and Administrative Services to support the programs of the United Methodist Church. The apportionments are allocated to the categories as required by the General Council on Finance and Administration and, in turn, remitted to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Any apportionments collected after year end for the previous year's apportionment is recorded as apportionment receivable.

Donated Services of Volunteers:

A substantial number of volunteers have given extensive amounts of time and services to the Finance and Administrative Services. However, no amounts are reflected in the financial statements for such services as management believes that the requirements for recording in-kind services have not been satisfied.

Allocated Expenses:

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis. Certain expenses are attributable to both the program and general and administrative cost and are allocated based on the function performed.

Fundraising Expenses:

All expenses associated with fundraising activities are expensed as incurred, including those expenses related to fundraising appeals in a subsequent year. For the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no fundraising expenses incurred.

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Tax Matters:

The Finance and Administrative Services is exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and part of a group exemption of the United Methodist Church.

Accounting standards provide detailed guidance for financial statement recognition, measurement, and disclosure of uncertain tax positions recognized in an entity's financial statements. These standards require an entity to recognize the financial statement impact of a tax position when it is more likely than not that the position will not be sustained upon examination. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 management of the Finance and Administrative Services believes that it has no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Contributions and Revenue Recognition:

The Finance and Administrative Services recognizes contributions when cash, securities or other assets, or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. For contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions, the contribution is reported as a contribution with donor restrictions. When the restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions, and reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis as net assets released from donor restrictions. Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as support without donor restrictions and increase net assets without donor restrictions. All contributions are considered available for the Finance and Administrative Services' general programs unless specifically restricted by the donor.

Investment income that is limited to specific uses by donor restrictions is reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions are met in the same reporting period as the income is recognized. Non-cash gifts received from sources such as estates and trusts are not recorded as assets until converted into cash.

Property, Plant, and Equipment:

The Finance and Administrative Services' policy is to expense property, plant and equipment at the date of acquisition. The property, plant, and equipment acquired by the Finance and Administrative Services have not been capitalized and are not presented as assets on these financial statements.

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2. INVESTMENTS:

Investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of a money market short-term investment and pooled funds managed by the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana and consist of the Balanced Fund, Income Fund, and Impact Fund. The investments consist of the following:

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>				
	Balanced Fund	Income Fund	Impact Fund	ML MM Treasury	Total
Daughenbaugh Matheny Scholarship Fund	\$ -	\$ 41,758	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,758
LA Conference CBOM-PCF Reserve Fund	15,116,788	3,411,507	2,194,406	2,971,291	23,693,992
LAC Lydia Patterson Pledge Fund	172,402	9,115	266,921	-	448,438
VIM: Valle Hermosa Fund, Reynosa Dental Fund, Reserve Funds	11,122	19,366	-	-	30,488
Acadiana District Fund	-	253,832	-	-	253,832
Acadiana District Southwest LA Discipleship Fund	10,458	-	-	-	10,458
Baton Rouge District Fund	-	149,494	-	-	149,494
Lake Charles District Fund	135,451	70,586	123,853	-	329,890
Monroe District Fund	127,812	110,518	-	-	238,330
NOD Office, Urban Ministries Fund	-	459,782	-	-	459,782
NOD (new)	-	(50)	-	-	(50)
Shreveport Dist. UMC Operating Fund	805,655	67,607	347,477	-	1,220,739
Total investments	<u>\$ 16,379,688</u>	<u>\$ 4,593,515</u>	<u>\$ 2,932,657</u>	<u>\$ 2,971,291</u>	<u>\$ 26,877,151</u>

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>				
	Balanced Fund	Income Fund	Impact Fund	ML MM Treasury	Total
BOM Education Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,204
Business Girl's Inn Fund, Bd Of Global Ministries	178,272	-	-	-	178,272
Daughenbaugh Matheny Scholarship Fund	-	45,740	-	-	45,740
LAC Lafon Home Net Sale Proceeds	474,680	13,496	562,777	-	1,050,953
LAC Cash Flow Reserve Fund	12,440,008	3,068,920	1,263,952	901,691	17,674,571
LA Conference CBOM-PCF Reserve Fund	-	426,911	-	-	426,911
LAC Lydia Patterson Pledge Fund	149,858	8,851	222,284	-	380,993
VIM: Valle Hermosa Fund, Reynosa Dental Fund, Reserve Funds	9,668	18,801	-	-	28,469
Acadiana District Fund	-	246,420	-	-	246,420
Acadiana District Southwest LA Discipleship Fund	9,090	-	-	-	9,090
Baton Rouge District Fund	-	145,117	-	-	145,117
Lake Charles District Fund	117,739	68,525	103,142	-	289,406
Monroe District Fund	111,170	107,295	-	-	218,465
NOD Office, Urban Ministries Fund	-	449,732	-	-	449,732
NOD (new)	-	(50)	-	-	(50)
Shreveport Dist. UMC Operating Fund	700,305	32,724	289,369	-	1,022,398
Total investments	<u>\$ 14,190,790</u>	<u>\$ 4,634,686</u>	<u>\$ 2,441,524</u>	<u>\$ 901,691</u>	<u>\$ 22,168,691</u>

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2. INVESTMENTS: (Continued)

Investment income for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is summarized as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Interest and dividend income	\$ 670,531	\$ 441,448
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	<u>2,219,540</u>	<u>(3,285,898)</u>
Total investment income (loss)	<u>\$ 2,890,071</u>	<u>\$ (2,844,450)</u>

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The Finance and Administrative Services invests in a short-term money market account with the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana. The fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$2,971,291 and \$901,691, respectively. This investment is measured at Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, which uses directly or indirectly observable inputs other than quoted prices for the asset or liability, such as quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities. The Finance and Administrative Services also invests in pooled funds in the amount of \$23,905,860 and \$21,267,000 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The pooled funds are managed by United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana. The fair value of the pooled funds is based on their reported net asset values (NAV) per share. The Finance and Administrative Services uses the investee's NAV per share, or its equivalent, as a practical expedient for measuring the fair values of its pooled investments.

The Finance and Administrative Services invest in the following pooled investment funds for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
<u>December 31, 2023</u>				
Balanced Fund	\$ 16,379,688	\$ -	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Income Fund	4,593,515	-	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Impact Fund	2,932,657	-	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
	<u>\$ 23,905,860</u>			
<u>December 31, 2022</u>				
Balanced Fund	\$ 14,190,790	\$ -	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Income Fund	4,634,686	-	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
Impact Fund	2,441,524	-	Daily - Monthly	None - 90 days
	<u>\$ 21,267,000</u>			

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS: (Continued)

Balanced Fund:

The Balanced Fund invests in equities, corporate bonds, global bonds and alternative investments. The fund seeks long-term appreciation and current income. Equity and alternative securities provide a capital appreciation component.

Income Fund:

The Income Fund operates like a money market fund and invests primarily in U.S. government bonds and corporate bonds. The fund's securities provide income and absolute return, and real assets provide downside protection. The Income Fund offers quick access to deposits while still earning a higher rate than usually found with similar liquid funds. This fund is an alternative to CD's or when a ministry anticipates needing its money in the near future.

Impact Fund:

The Impact Fund consists of equity-only investments in companies with positive social impact business practices and "ESG investing" (Environment, Social, and Governance).

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

4. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK:

The Finance and Administrative Services has cash balances invested with several banking institutions. Accounts at these institutions are insured by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 per account. The balances at times may exceed federally insured limits. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the cash balance in excess of insured amounts was approximately \$-0- and \$5,350, respectively.

Excess cash in the operating account is swept overnight into a repurchase agreement. The repurchase agreement had a cost of \$777,417 and \$2,321,063 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Pledged securities valued at \$792,965 and \$2,367,484 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, secured the repurchase agreement.

5. PENSION PLANS:

The Finance and Administrative Services contributes to defined benefit and defined contribution plans in addition to a disability plan for clergy under appointment through the Conference office. The Finance and Administrative Services also contributes to a defined

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5. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

contribution plan for Conference lay staff with one or more years of service. All plans are administered by Wespath Benefits and Investments. The contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Clergy contributions	\$ 114,850	\$ 110,769
Lay staff contributions	<u>68,572</u>	<u>61,480</u>
Total contributions	<u>\$ 183,422</u>	<u>\$ 172,249</u>

6. HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Conference provides various health benefit plans for:

- a) Full-time Conference clergy who are under appointment at the Conference or various other Conference office affiliates and dependents thereof.
- b) Laity who are full-time with the Conference.

The health plans include medical, dental, vision, prescription, and Health Savings Account (HSA) benefits.

The monthly premium for 2023 and 2022, for full-time clergy is a "blended" rate of \$1,490 and \$1,365, respectively. The rate is considered blended because the premium is the same whether the clergy needs family or single coverage. Of this amount, \$100 is paid into the employee's HSA, and the remainder is remitted to the Conference Board of Pensions (CBOP) Benefit's accounts to pay benefit claims.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Conference pays for Conference lay staff health benefits in the amount of \$925 and \$880, respectively, per month for single coverage. If the lay staff employee desires family/dependent coverage, then the employee is responsible for that additional cost which is \$975 and \$880, respectively, per month. Additionally, the Conference pays \$100 per month into lay employees' HSA.

The health insurance premiums, including HSA amounts paid on behalf of Conference staff to the CBOP for eligible participants totaled \$156,621 and \$149,740, respectively, for 2023 and 2022. District Superintendents' total health insurance premiums, including HSA amounts paid to the CBOP totaled \$62,580 and \$68,400, respectively, for 2023 and 2022.

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7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Finance and Administrative Services primarily maintains its investments totaling \$26,877,151 and \$22,168,691, respectively, with the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana. The United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana was organized to receive and administer gifts, legacies and bequests for the benefit of the Louisiana Conference. Net earnings (losses), including interest, dividends, realized gains and losses on sale of investments, and changes in market value, on these investments totaled net income (loss) of \$2,890,071 and \$(2,844,450) during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Finance and Administrative Services paid health insurance premiums and pension contributions to the Conference Board of Pensions on behalf of the Conference clergy and lay staff. The Finance and Administrative Services also collects apportionment funds to be distributed to the Board of Pensions. The Conference Board of Pensions is an agency of the Louisiana Conference and administers the pension and health and welfare programs offered to clergy and their families and lay employees of the United Methodist Churches in Louisiana. The amount of funds remitted to the Conference Board of Pensions from the Finance and Administrative Services for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Health Insurance Premiums	\$ 219,201	\$ 218,140
Pension Contributions	183,422	172,249
Apportionment Funds	118,706	119,236

Amounts payable to the Board of Pensions totaled \$243,209 and \$384,777 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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8. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS:

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	(Restated) <u>2022</u>
Disaster Response General Project 93	\$ 376,513	\$ 543,177
Disaster Response - LAC Hurricane Laura/Delta	-	40,502
UMCOR - 2020/2021 Grants - Laura/Delta	-	193,619
Disaster Response - LAC Hurricane Ida	404,804	407,312
Disaster Response - Designated Gifts	1,000	31,724
Disaster Response - LAC 3/2022 Tornado	4,322	4,322
Clergy Defense Fund	315,685	315,685
Lydia Patterson Chapel Fund	448,438	380,993
Wesley Foundation Building Fund	234,943	234,943
Business Girls Inn	-	178,272
Ministers' Emergency Fund	128,051	119,980
BoL - Daughenbaugh - Matheny Scholarship	41,758	45,741
Holy Land w/Bishop-Ordinand's Funds	48,492	46,343
Volunteers in Mission Designated Funds	30,488	28,469
Christian Education Special Sunday Offering	24,138	24,965
Youth Service Special Sunday Fund	22,753	22,236
Peace with Justice Special Sunday Funds	12,709	11,930
GBGM Special Grant	2,000	2,000
Native American Special Sunday Fund	2,631	8,633
UMCOR - 12/2022 North LA Storm Relief Grant	-	1,574
Clergy Spouse Event	19	19
	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 2,098,744</u>	<u>\$ 2,642,439</u>

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, net assets totaling \$652,120 and \$995,945, respectively, were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose.

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9. BOARD DESIGNATIONS OF NET ASSETS:

The Board has chosen to place the following limitations on unrestricted net assets:

	<u>2023</u>	(Restated) <u>2022</u>
Congregational Transfer/Development	\$ 4,253,561	\$ 5,097,318
Designated Special Purpose Reserve	3,627,142	3,102,091
Lafon Home Sale Proceeds	-	1,050,953
Conference Parsonage Sale Proceeds Reserve	543,151	543,151
CBOM-PCF Funds	761,282	433,915
Building Maintenance	89,569	108,281
Board of Trustees - Operating	1,488,458	1,335,251
Sales, Donations, or Other Dispositions of Closed Prop	3,734,633	1,654,315
Districts' Parsonage Sales Proceeds	903,573	903,573
Unrealized Investment Holding Gains	462,143	-
Revolving Loan	177,045	176,973
Campus Ministries - Grants and Administrative	131,187	207,558
Hispanic Clergy Excellence Development	148,238	148,238
Chancellor Fees	312,916	264,196
Network/IT Expenses	134,276	108,318
Equitable Compensation Fund	54,252	57,394
Clergy Development/Excellence/Pastoral Effectiveness	23,883	31,249
CBOM - Clergy Exiting Funds	59,478	61,245
Multicultural Clergy Excellence Dev	29,399	29,399
Episcopal Residence	45,861	68,788
Episcopal Anti-Racism	2,450	-
Area Administration	66,005	55,454
Academy for Spiritual Leadership - Clergy Excellence	18,888	18,888
Bishop's Program Priority	7,946	7,946
Youth Ministries	104,295	93,995
Safe Sanctuaries	26,062	16,566
Academy Spiritual Leadership	3,500	3,500
Employee Honesty Bond	9,389	9,389
Bishop's Tenure Gift Fund	3,199	3,199
Episcopal Committee	129	14,080
Archives and History	3,315	3,867
Archives and History Special Funds	1,705	1,705
Clergy Administrative Transitional Leave	-	338,307
M&M-Lafon Home Reserve	96,414	89,395
Outside Services for Conference Projects	14,118	17,164
General/Jurisdictional Delegation	147,343	128,626
Communications Ministries	69,887	97,636
Discipleship	-	9,539
Wesley Foundation Building Fund	453,326	439,832
Lake Charles-Acadiana District	102,817	255,485
Baton Rouge District	7,222	145,125
Alexandria District	80,322	289,407
Monroe District	1,730	218,464
New Orleans District	406,023	449,315
Shreveport District	941,216	1,022,309
Total	\$ <u>19,547,348</u>	\$ <u>19,111,399</u>

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10. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS:

The Finance and Administrative Service's primary sources of support are apportionments received from local churches, income from investments, and disaster-related contributions and grants. Most funds are kept in the long-term Balanced Fund, Income Fund, and Impact Fund maintained and managed by the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana to maximize returns. The Conference utilizes operating cash and reserves for any annual cash requirements, if any. Annually, any operating deficit or overage is reconciled and the Conference transfers to or from the operating account as needed.

The following table reflects the Finance and Administrative Service's financial assets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, reduced by amounts not available for general expenditure within one year. Financial assets are considered unavailable when illiquid or not convertible to cash within one year, or because the governing board has set aside the funds for a specific contingency reserve or a long-term investment as board designated endowments. These board designations could be drawn upon if the board approves that action.

	<u>2023</u>	(Restated) <u>2022</u>
Financial Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 698,327	\$ 2,403,651
Investments	26,877,151	22,168,691
Apportionments, benefits, and miscellaneous receivables	<u>194,174</u>	<u>168,239</u>
Financial assets, at year-end	<u>27,769,652</u>	<u>24,740,581</u>
Less those unavailable for general expenditure within one year, due to:		
Board-designated reserves for future projects	(19,547,348)	(19,111,399)
Donor-restricted for future projects	<u>(2,098,744)</u>	<u>(2,642,439)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	\$ <u><u>6,123,560</u></u>	\$ <u><u>2,986,743</u></u>

11. DISAFFILIATIONS:

At the 2019 Special Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church, conditions were passed to allow churches to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. These conditions are outlined in the new Book of Discipline paragraph 2553, and the conditions were set to expire on December 31, 2023. Annual conferences were given leeway to develop their own disaffiliation policies and procedures, provided that the disaffiliating church paid the current twelve months apportionments, plus the next two years of apportionments, and the disaffiliating church's share of the conference pension liability.

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11. DISAFFILIATIONS: (Continued)

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church had ninety-five (95) churches and sixty-seven (67) churches, respectively, disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church under Book of Discipline paragraph 2553. Payments received by Finance and Administrative Services from disaffiliated churches are recorded as follows in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis in the years ended December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Apportionments	\$ 1,215,159	\$ 475,432
Other income - disaffiliated churches	2,430,318	1,915,486
Total disaffiliation payments	<u>\$ 3,645,477</u>	<u>\$ 2,390,918</u>

12. BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA LITIGATION:

The United Methodist Church was a party to the Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy. A part of the Boy Scouts Amended Plan of Reorganization was for the United Methodist Church to contribute \$30,000,000 into a fund for the benefit of survivors of sexual abuse that occurred while participating in scouting activities. The United Methodist Church agreed to make this \$30,000,000 contribution and the bankruptcy judge approved that part of the Boy Scouts' Amended Plan of Reorganization. The share of the \$30,000,000 contribution that the Louisiana Conference contributed to the fund is \$604,288. The contribution is included in the Finance and Administrative Services' financial results and is reflected in Cabinet, District Superintendents and Administrative Ministries expenses on the Statement of Functional Expenses – Modified Cash Basis for the year ended December 31, 2023.

13. RECLASSIFICATIONS:

Certain amounts in 2022 have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

14. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT:

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Finance and Administrative Services performed additional analysis and identified and reclassified \$426,601 of net assets without donor restrictions that had been previously reported as net assets with donor restrictions. This reclassification has no effect on total net assets at December 31, 2023 or 2022, or on total change in net assets for the years then ended. However, the effect of the reclassification on change in net assets without donor restrictions was an increase of \$13,494 and \$13,231 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, with a corresponding decrease in net assets with donor restrictions.

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15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date these financial statements were available to be issued, April 10, 2024.

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General Conference Funds	\$ 1,874,502	\$ -	\$ 1,474,959	\$ -	\$ (1,711,099)	\$ 305,159	\$ (69,019)	\$ -	\$ -
South Central Jurisdiction Fund	72,352	-	56,930	-	(68,709)	11,779	-	-	-
Special Sunday (SS) collections	-	-	-	-	(68,768)	-	-	-	-
	1,946,854	-	1,531,889	-	(1,848,576)	316,938	(69,019)	-	-
ANNUAL CONFERENCE:									
Congregational Vitality:									
Salaries apportioned	216,600	-	170,433	-	(91,677)	35,261	(114,017)	-	-
Congregational development	210,774	5,097,319	165,848	-	(383,938)	34,313	(694,290)	(843,755)	4,253,564
Conference benevolences apportioned	303,050	220,290	238,456	-	(276,361)	49,335	(13,636)	10,081	230,371
Bd: HfId Campus ministries apportioned	595,000	207,558	468,178	-	(641,412)	96,863	-	(76,371)	131,187
Other non-apportioned programming	-	1,376,711	-	70,847	(54,699)	-	15,132	73,517	1,450,228
Subtotal Congregational Vitality	1,325,424	6,901,878	1,042,915	70,847	(1,448,087)	215,772	(806,811)	(836,528)	6,065,350
Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence:									
Salaries apportioned	521,200	-	410,108	-	(601,338)	84,849	106,381	-	-
Clergy Excellence and Effectiveness programming	2,000	566,083	1,574	-	(28,414)	323	-	(19,317)	546,766
CBOM apportioned programming	40,000	433,914	31,474	9,205	(131,923)	6,512	73,358	1,012	434,926
Other apportioned funds	170,000	234,211	155,080	-	(203,601)	11,395	6,482	(9,033)	225,178
Episcopacy funds	41,000	72,154	32,261	-	(113,797)	6,675	-	(371)	71,783
Other non-apportioned programming	-	600,665	-	-	(13,909)	563	4,744	5,307	605,972
Subtotal Clergy Excellence	774,200	1,907,027	630,497	9,205	(1,092,982)	109,754	190,965	(22,402)	1,884,625

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE: (Continued)

District and Cabinet:

District Superintendents and Cabinet expenses
Clergy/Laity Salaries/Benefits Apportioned

Districts' Operations and Programs

Subtotal Bishop and Cabinet

Administrative Ministries:

Salaries and Admin expenses apportioned

Other apportioned programming

Other non-apportioned programming

Other reserves and funds

Conference General Reserves unrestricted reserves

CFA - Designated Special Reserves

CFA - Designated Unrealized Investment Gains

Subtotal Administrative Ministries

Disaster Response Funds:

Disaster response - LAC

UMCOR Disaster Grants

Subtotal Disaster Response Funds

Districts

Acadiana

Baton Rouge

Lake Charles

Monroe

New Orleans

Shreveport

Subtotal Districts

TOTAL

	2023 Operating Budget	Reserve Carry Forward January 1, 2023	Apportion- ment Revenue	Other Revenues	Net Investment Income / (Loss)	Expenses	Year Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	Usage of Disaffiliated Churches Collections of Apportionments Reserve Funds	Budgeted Transfers	Net Current Year Activities After Reserve Transfers	Ending Reserve/ Available Funds
District and Cabinet:											
District Superintendents and Cabinet expenses	\$ 714,300	\$ -	\$ 562,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (669,758)	\$ (107,708)	\$ 116,284	\$ (8,576)	\$ -	\$ -
Clergy/Laity Salaries/Benefits Apportioned	201,800	-	158,787	-	-	(163,804)	(5,017)	32,852	(27,835)	-	-
Districts' Operations and Programs	137,100	-	107,878	-	-	(90,454)	17,424	22,319	(39,743)	-	-
Subtotal Bishop and Cabinet	1,053,200	-	828,715	-	-	(924,016)	(95,301)	171,455	(76,154)	-	-
Administrative Ministries:											
Salaries and Admin expenses apportioned	490,200	-	385,716	-	-	(402,105)	(16,389)	79,802	(63,413)	-	-
Other apportioned programming	391,000	1,905,869	307,661	426,886	-	(589,020)	145,527	63,654	(26,170)	183,011	2,088,880
Other non-apportioned programming	-	3,112,133	-	63,712	-	(49,661)	14,051	-	2,066,270	2,080,321	5,192,454
Other reserves and funds	-	1,229,224	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,229,224)	(1,229,224)	-
Conference General Reserves unrestricted reserves	-	3,821,046	-	-	-	(445)	820,811	-	(53,461)	767,350	4,588,396
CFA - Designated Special Reserves	-	3,102,091	-	2,430,318	-	(812,636)	1,617,682	(960,631)	(132,000)	525,051	3,627,142
CFA - Designated Unrealized Investment Gains	-	(1,447,983)	-	-	-	-	1,736,111	-	174,015	1,910,126	462,143
Subtotal Administrative Ministries	881,200	11,722,380	693,377	2,920,916	2,557,367	(1,853,867)	4,317,793	(817,175)	736,017	4,236,635	15,959,015
Disaster Response Funds:											
Disaster response - LAC	20,000	1,054,915	15,737	10,229	-	(213,055)	(187,089)	3,256	(37,357)	(221,190)	833,725
UMCOR Disaster Grants	-	195,193	-	10,000	-	(267,552)	(257,552)	-	62,359	(195,193)	-
Subtotal Disaster Response Funds	20,000	1,250,108	15,737	20,229	-	(480,607)	(444,641)	3,256	25,002	(416,383)	833,725
Districts											
Acadiana	-	255,485	-	-	8,780	-	8,780	-	-	8,780	264,265
Baton Rouge	-	145,125	-	-	4,377	-	4,377	-	-	4,377	149,502
Lake Charles	-	289,407	-	-	40,485	-	40,485	-	-	40,485	329,892
Monroe	-	218,464	-	-	19,866	-	19,866	-	-	19,866	238,330
New Orleans	-	449,315	-	-	13,795	(3,745)	10,050	-	-	10,050	459,365
Shreveport	-	1,022,309	-	42,991	165,349	(10,000)	198,340	-	-	198,340	1,220,649
Subtotal Districts	-	2,380,105	-	42,991	252,652	(13,745)	281,898	-	-	281,898	2,662,003
TOTAL	\$ 6,000,878	\$ 24,161,498	\$ 4,743,130	\$ 3,271,899	\$ 2,890,071	\$ (7,661,880)	\$ 3,243,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,243,220	\$ 27,404,718

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General Conference Funds	\$ 1,874,502	\$ -	1,788,058	\$ -	\$ -	(1,718,731)	\$ 69,327	\$ (69,327)	\$ -	-
South Central Jurisdiction Fund	72,352	-	69,015	-	-	(69,015)	-	-	-	-
Special Sunday (SS) collections	-	-	-	129,946	-	(129,946)	-	-	-	-
General Conference Advance Specials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,946,854	-	1,857,073	129,946	-	(1,917,692)	69,327	(69,327)	-	-
ANNUAL CONFERENCE:										
Congregational Vitality:										
Salaries apportioned	369,000	-	351,983	-	-	(249,647)	102,336	(102,336)	-	-
Congregational development	250,000	5,077,804	238,472	31,705	-	(427,734)	(157,557)	177,072	19,515	5,097,319
Conference benevolences apportioned	188,175	161,060	179,497	6,687	-	(111,337)	74,847	12,261	87,108	248,168
Bd: HEd Campus ministries apportioned	363,600	264,726	346,832	-	-	(404,000)	(57,168)	-	(57,168)	207,558
Other apportioned programs	373,250	-	356,037	17,215	-	(373,252)	-	-	-	-
Other non-apportioned programming	-	1,442,149	-	56,896	(81,088)	(56,368)	(80,560)	15,122	(65,438)	1,376,711
Subtotal Congregational Vitality	1,544,025	6,945,739	1,472,821	112,503	(81,088)	(1,622,338)	(118,102)	102,119	(15,983)	6,929,756
Clergy Excellence:										
Salaries apportioned	75,000	-	71,541	-	-	(139,178)	(67,637)	67,637	-	-
Clergy Excellence and Effectiveness programming	17,000	252,791	16,216	-	-	(41,232)	(25,016)	-	(25,016)	227,775
CBOM apportioned programming	50,000	408,357	47,694	9,040	1,788	(102,292)	(43,770)	69,327	25,557	433,914
PCF apportioned programming	10,000	371,845	9,539	-	-	(43,077)	(33,538)	-	(33,538)	338,307
Other non-apportioned programming	-	539,569	-	19,189	-	(6,331)	12,858	1,877	14,735	554,304
Subtotal Clergy Excellence	152,000	1,572,562	144,990	28,229	1,788	(332,110)	(157,103)	138,841	(18,262)	1,554,300

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	2022 Operating Budget	Reserve Carry Forward January 1, 2022	Apportion- ment Revenue	Other Revenues	Net Investment Income / (Loss)	Net Current		Net Current		Ending Reserve/ Available Funds
						Year Revenues Over (Under)	Expenses	Year Activities After Reserve Transfers	Transfers	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE: (Continued)										
Bishop and Cabinet:										
District Superintendents and Cabinet expenses	\$ 708,000	\$ -	\$ 675,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (670,562)	\$ 4,788	\$ (4,788)	\$ -	\$ -
Assist to Bishop clergy/laity salaries apportioned	361,000	-	344,352	-	-	(359,317)	(14,965)	14,965	-	-
Other apportioned programming	173,000	430,261	165,022	108,815	-	(382,747)	(108,910)	53,800	(55,110)	375,151
Other non-apportioned programming	-	42,764	-	-	-	(106)	(106)	3,705	3,599	46,363
Subtotal Bishop and Cabinet	1,242,000	473,025	1,184,724	108,815	-	(1,412,732)	(119,193)	67,682	(51,511)	421,514
Administrative Ministries:										
Salaries and Admin expenses apportioned	502,000	-	478,850	-	-	(453,701)	25,149	(25,149)	-	-
Other apportioned programming	331,575	959,623	316,285	296,195	-	(324,537)	287,943	589,516	877,459	1,837,082
Other non-apportioned programming	-	1,861,609	-	161,893	-	(1,507)	160,386	1,090,138	1,250,524	3,112,133
Other reserves and funds	-	1,522,463	-	-	(249,449)	-	(249,449)	(43,790)	(293,239)	1,229,224
Conference General Reserves unrestricted reserves	-	6,387,244	-	2,716	(2,328,968)	(2,617)	(2,328,869)	(1,685,312)	(4,014,181)	2,373,063
CFA -Designated Special Reserves	-	-	-	1,915,486	-	(359,418)	1,556,068	1,546,023	3,102,091	3,102,091
Subtotal Administrative Ministries	833,575	10,730,939	795,135	2,376,290	(2,578,417)	(1,141,780)	(548,772)	1,471,426	922,654	11,653,593
Disaster Response Funds:										
Disaster response - LAC	-	1,319,074	-	345,480	-	(671,408)	(325,928)	33,891	(292,037)	1,027,037
UMCOR Disaster Grants	-	181,239	-	366,252	-	(352,298)	13,954	-	13,954	195,193
Subtotal Disaster Response Funds	-	1,500,313	-	711,732	-	(1,023,706)	(311,974)	33,891	(278,083)	1,222,230
Districts										
Acadiana	56,379	512,247	54,028	-	20	(62,226)	(8,178)	(248,584)	(256,762)	255,485
Baton Rouge	29,000	470,510	28,006	-	(32,214)	(44,143)	(48,351)	(277,034)	(325,385)	145,125
Lake Charles	55,779	378,011	42,474	-	(45,027)	(44,476)	(47,029)	(41,575)	(88,604)	289,407
Monroe	62,457	375,529	47,730	176	(39,518)	(40,063)	(31,675)	(125,390)	(157,065)	218,464
New Orleans	28,525	1,488,687	26,100	-	4,147	(42,795)	(12,548)	(1,026,824)	(1,039,372)	449,315
Shreveport	63,307	528,288	58,206	591,437	(74,141)	(56,256)	519,246	(25,225)	494,021	1,022,309
Subtotal Districts	295,447	3,753,272	256,544	591,613	(186,733)	(289,959)	371,465	(1,744,632)	(1,373,167)	2,380,105
TOTAL	\$ 6,013,901	\$ 24,975,850	\$ 5,711,287	\$ 4,059,128	\$ (2,844,450)	\$ (7,740,317)	\$ (814,352)	\$ -	\$ (814,352)	\$ 24,161,498

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
REVENUES:		
Episcopal office GCFA income	<u>73,490</u>	<u>75,470</u>
Total Revenues	<u>73,490</u>	<u>75,470</u>
EXPENSES:		
Administrative salary and payroll taxes	71,702	69,045
Administrative retirement and disability	6,737	6,596
Office and mobile device phones	9,030	10,680
Dues	1,534	1,701
Episcopal travel and professional development	1,331	4,494
Administrative staff travel	-	1,095
Office expense	2,578	1,849
Audit fee	1,000	-
Other	1,472	1,437
Episcopal installation service	<u>4,962</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenses	<u>100,346</u>	<u>96,897</u>
TRANSFER FROM AREA ADMINISTRATION	<u>26,856</u>	<u>21,427</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

Net assets represent the cash balance of the Episcopal Office.

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Listing of Apportionments and Collections for 2022 and 2023

	Status	DISTNAME	CHURCHNAME	YEAR ENDED 12/31/2022			YEAR ENDED 12/31/2023				
				2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	YEAR OVER
				APPORTIONMENT Assessed	Apportionments PAID	PERCENT PAID	APPORTIONMENT Assessed	Apportionments PAID	PERCENT PAID	Apportionment BALANCES DUE	YEAR PERCENT
1	Active	Alexandria	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	57,732	57,732	100%	57,732	57,732	100%	-	0.00%
2	Active	Alexandria	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	1,057	1,057	100%	1,057	1,057	100%	-	0.00%
3	Active	Alexandria	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	3,751	3,751	100%	3,751	3,751	100%	-	0.00%
4	Active	Alexandria	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	2,455	2,455	100%	2,455	2,455	100%	-	0.00%
5	Active	Alexandria	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	2,971	2,971	100%	2,971	2,971	100%	-	0.00%
6	Active	Alexandria	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC	336	-	0%	336	-	0%	336	0.00%
7	Active	Alexandria	CHENEYVILLE UMC	1,758	1,758	100%	1,758	1,758	100%	-	0.00%
8	Active	Alexandria	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	1,637	1,429	87%	1,637	1,637	100%	-	-12.71%
9	Active	Alexandria	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC	-	-	0%	48	-	0%	48	0.00%
10	Active	Alexandria	CROSS ROADS	1,387	1,387	100%	1,387	1,387	100%	-	0.00%
11	Active	Alexandria	EMMANUEL UMC	788	-	0%	788	788	100%	-	-100.00%
12	Active	Alexandria	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	639	639	100%	639	-	0%	639	100.00%
13	Active	Alexandria	GLENMORA UMC	2,793	2,793	100%	2,793	2,793	100%	-	0.00%
14	Active	Alexandria	HASKIN CHAPEL	1,796	-	0%	1,796	-	0%	1,796	0.00%
15	Active	Alexandria	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	2,375	2,375	100%	2,375	2,375	100%	-	0.00%
16	Active	Alexandria	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	31,316	31,316	100%	31,316	31,316	100%	-	0.00%
17	Active	Alexandria	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	710	710	100%	710	710	100%	-	0.00%
18	Active	Alexandria	LECOMPTÉ UMC	4,984	4,984	100%	4,984	4,984	100%	-	0.00%
19	Active	Alexandria	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	-	-	0%	733	733	100%	-	-100.00%
20	Active	Alexandria	LOGANSPOUT, BETHEL	5,077	4,062	80%	5,077	-	0%	5,077	80.00%
21	Active	Alexandria	LOGANSPOUT, FIRST	8,265	8,265	100%	8,265	8,265	100%	-	0.00%
22	Active	Alexandria	MANSFIELD, FIRST	14,448	14,448	100%	14,448	14,448	100%	-	0.00%
23	Active	Alexandria	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	4,935	4,935	100%	4,935	4,935	100%	-	0.00%
24	Active	Alexandria	MANY, FIRST UMC	16,062	16,062	100%	16,062	16,062	100%	-	0.00%
25	Active	Alexandria	MCDONALD	830	788	95%	830	830	100%	-	-5.06%
26	Active	Alexandria	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	2,425	2,425	100%	2,425	2,425	100%	-	0.00%
27	Active	Alexandria	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	6,258	6,258	100%	6,258	-	0%	6,258	100.00%
28	Active	Alexandria	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	68,618	68,618	100%	68,618	68,618	100%	-	0.00%
29	Active	Alexandria	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	2,745	2,745	100%	2,745	2,745	100%	-	0.00%
30	Active	Alexandria	NEWMAN UMC	15,808	15,808	100%	15,808	15,808	100%	-	0.00%
31	Active	Alexandria	OAKDALE UMC	6,787	6,787	100%	6,787	6,787	100%	-	0.00%
32	Active	Alexandria	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	66,929	66,929	100%	66,929	66,929	100%	-	0.00%
33	Active	Alexandria	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC	1,770	1,770	100%	1,770	1,770	100%	-	0.00%
34	Active	Alexandria	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	1,526	1,526	100%	1,526	1,526	100%	-	0.00%
35	Active	Alexandria	ROSA UMC	412	412	100%	412	412	100%	-	0.00%
36	Active	Alexandria	SHADY GROVE	9,301	9,301	100%	9,301	9,301	100%	-	0.00%
37	Active	Alexandria	SIMMESPORT UMC	908	908	100%	908	908	100%	-	0.00%
38	Active	Alexandria	ST. JOSEPH	4,553	4,553	100%	4,553	4,553	100%	-	0.00%
39	Active	Alexandria	STRANGE UMC	734	734	100%	734	734	100%	-	0.00%
40	Active	Alexandria	UNION CHAPEL UMC	1,973	1,973	100%	1,973	1,973	100%	-	0.00%
41	Active	Alexandria	WEAVER UMC	1,152	-	0%	1,152	1,152	100%	-	-100.00%
42	Active	Alexandria	WILTON UMC	2,350	2,350	100%	2,350	1,200	51%	1,150	48.94%
43	Active	Alexandria	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	22,308	22,308	100%	22,308	22,308	100%	-	0.00%
44	Active Total	Alexandria Total		384,659	379,322	99%	385,440	370,136	96.03%	15,304.00	-2.58%
45	Active	Baton Rouge	AMITE	26,884	26,884	100%	27,462	27,462	100%	-	0.00%
46	Active	Baton Rouge	ANDREW CHAPEL	5,131	5,131	100%	5,241	5,241	100%	-	0.00%
47	Active	Baton Rouge	BAKER, FIRST	1,994	-	0%	2,037	2,037	100%	-	-100.00%
48	Active	Baton Rouge	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	166,358	166,358	100%	169,934	169,934	100%	-	0.00%
49	Active	Baton Rouge	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	202,263	202,263	100%	206,611	206,611	100%	-	0.00%
50	Active	Baton Rouge	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	42,575	42,575	100%	43,490	43,490	100%	-	0.00%
51	Active	Baton Rouge	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	62,112	62,112	100%	63,447	63,447	100%	-	0.00%
52	Active	Baton Rouge	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	22,107	22,107	100%	22,582	22,582	100%	-	0.00%
53	Active	Baton Rouge	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	20,616	20,616	100%	21,059	21,059	100%	-	0.00%
54	Active	Baton Rouge	BLACKWATER	44,243	44,243	100%	45,194	45,194	100%	-	0.00%
55	Active	Baton Rouge	BLUFF CREEK	3,078	-	0%	3,144	-	0%	3,144	0.00%
56	Active	Baton Rouge	CAMPBOR MEMORIAL	25,810	25,810	100%	26,365	26,365	100%	-	0.00%
57	Active	Baton Rouge	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	10,012	10,012	100%	10,227	9,797	96%	430	4.20%
58	Active	Baton Rouge	CENTER	1,205	1,205	100%	1,231	1,231	100%	-	0.00%
59	Active	Baton Rouge	CLINTON	12,031	12,031	100%	12,290	12,290	100%	-	0.00%
60	Active	Baton Rouge	CLINTON, ASBURY	2,753	2,753	100%	2,812	2,812	100%	-	0.00%
61	Active	Baton Rouge	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	2,753	2,753	100%	2,812	2,812	100%	-	0.00%
62	Active	Baton Rouge	CLINTON, MT. ZION	3,545	-	0%	3,621	-	0%	3,621	0.00%

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63	Active	Baton Rouge	CLINTON, ST. PETER	2,240	2,240	100%	2,288	2,288	100%	-	0.00%
64	Active	Baton Rouge	DAY'S	1,658	1,658	100%	1,694	1,694	100%	-	0.00%
65	Active	Baton Rouge	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	43,581	43,581	100%	44,518	44,518	100%	-	0.00%
66	Active	Baton Rouge	ETHEL	2,261	2,261	100%	2,310	2,310	100%	-	0.00%
67	Active	Baton Rouge	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	2,199	2,199	100%	2,246	2,246	100%	-	0.00%
68	Active	Baton Rouge	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	8,201	8,201	100%	8,377	8,377	100%	-	0.00%
69	Active	Baton Rouge	FAITHFUL	3,490	3,490	100%	3,565	3,565	100%	-	0.00%
70	Active	Baton Rouge	GONZALES, FIRST	32,710	5,452	17%	33,413	12,000	36%	21,413	-19.25%
71	Active	Baton Rouge	GREENSBURG	4,095	-	0%	4,183	-	0%	4,183	0.00%
72	Active	Baton Rouge	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	1,217	-	0%	1,243	1,243	100%	-	-100.00%
73	Active	Baton Rouge	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	4,706	4,706	100%	4,807	4,807	100%	-	0.00%
74	Active	Baton Rouge	HAMMOND, FIRST	33,254	33,254	100%	33,969	33,969	100%	-	0.00%
75	Active	Baton Rouge	HOPE COMMUNITY	7,740	7,740	100%	7,906	7,906	100%	-	0.00%
76	Active	Baton Rouge	HUGHES MEMORIAL	4,734	4,734	100%	4,836	4,836	100%	-	0.00%
77	Active	Baton Rouge	INDEPENDENCE	1,068	1,068	100%	1,091	1,091	100%	-	0.00%
78	Active	Baton Rouge	INGLESIDE	17,031	17,031	100%	17,397	17,397	100%	-	0.00%
79	Active	Baton Rouge	JACKSON	7,030	7,030	100%	7,181	7,181	100%	-	0.00%
80	Active	Baton Rouge	JACKSON CHAPEL	995	995	100%	1,016	1,016	100%	-	0.00%
81	Active	Baton Rouge	JORDAN	13,961	13,961	100%	14,261	14,261	100%	-	0.00%
82	Active	Baton Rouge	LEE'S LANDING	2,025	2,025	100%	2,069	2,069	100%	-	0.00%
83	Active	Baton Rouge	MAGNOLIA	11,003	11,003	100%	11,240	11,240	100%	-	0.00%
84	Active	Baton Rouge	MEADOWS CHAPEL	2,705	2,705	100%	2,763	2,763	100%	-	0.00%
85	Active	Baton Rouge	MOSES CHAPEL	1,731	1,731	100%	1,768	1,768	100%	-	0.00%
86	Active	Baton Rouge	MT. CARMEL	1,815	1,815	100%	1,854	1,554	84%	300	16.18%
87	Active	Baton Rouge	NEELY	5,856	5,856	100%	5,982	5,982	100%	-	0.00%
88	Active	Baton Rouge	NESOM MEMORIAL	3,704	3,624	98%	3,784	3,784	100%	-	-2.16%
89	Active	Baton Rouge	NEW RIVER	3,130	3,130	100%	3,197	3,197	100%	-	0.00%
90	Active	Baton Rouge	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	16,402	16,402	100%	16,755	12,359	74%	4,396	26.24%
91	Active	Baton Rouge	ROBERTS	10,240	10,240	100%	10,460	10,460	100%	-	0.00%
92	Active	Baton Rouge	SLAUGHTER	2,429	2,429	100%	2,481	2,481	100%	-	0.00%
93	Active	Baton Rouge	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	3,867	3,867	100%	3,950	3,950	100%	-	0.00%
94	Active	Baton Rouge	ST. FRANCISVILLE	26,526	26,526	100%	27,096	27,096	100%	-	0.00%
95	Active	Baton Rouge	ST. JOHNS	39,154	39,154	100%	39,996	39,996	100%	-	0.00%
96	Active	Baton Rouge	ST. LANDRY	3,689	3,689	100%	3,768	3,768	100%	-	0.00%
97	Active	Baton Rouge	TUNICA	4,650	4,650	100%	4,750	4,750	100%	-	0.00%
98	Active	Baton Rouge	UNIVERSITY	79,305	79,305	100%	81,010	81,010	100%	-	0.00%
99	Active	Baton Rouge	WILSON, WESLEY	1,800	-	0%	1,839	1,839	100%	-	-100.00%
100	Active	Baton Rouge	ZACHARY UMC	37,810	37,810	100%	38,623	38,623	100%	-	0.00%
101	Active	Baton Rouge Total		1,105,482	1,062,414.74	96%	1,129,245	1,091,757.79	96.68%	37,487.21	0.58%
102	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	ABBEVILLE	9,214	9,214	100%	9,214	9,214	100%	-	0.00%
103	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	1,969	1,969	100%	1,969	1,969	100%	-	0.00%
104	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	BALDWIN, TRINITY	3,937	3,937	100%	3,937	3,937	100%	-	0.00%
105	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE	352	-	0%	352	-	0%	352	0.00%
106	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	4,887	4,887	100%	4,887	4,887	100%	-	0.00%
107	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	BERWICK, FIRST	3,762	3,762	100%	3,762	3,762	100%	-	0.00%
108	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	BERWICK, MASON	1,010	1,010	100%	1,010	1,010	100%	-	0.00%
109	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	BRANCH	342	342	100%	342	342	100%	-	0.00%
110	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	CHURCH POINT	1,790	-	0%	1,790	1,790	100%	-	-100.00%
111	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	CROWLEY, FIRST	17,598	17,598	100%	17,598	17,598	100%	-	0.00%
112	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	DERIDDER, FIRST	43,157	43,157	100%	43,157	43,157	100%	-	0.00%
113	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	487	-	0%	487	487	100%	-	-100.00%
114	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	1,951	1,951	100%	1,951	1,951	100%	-	0.00%
115	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	2,601	2,601	100%	2,601	2,601	100%	-	0.00%
116	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	EUNICE	6,174	6,174	100%	6,174	6,174	100%	-	0.00%
117	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	2,338	2,338	100%	2,338	2,143	92%	195	8.33%
118	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	FRANKLIN, FIRST	8,226	-	0%	8,226	-	0%	8,226	0.00%
119	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	292	292	100%	292	292	100%	-	0.00%
120	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	HACKBERRY	447	447	100%	447	447	100%	-	0.00%
121	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	HOUMA, FIRST	45,027	45,027	100%	45,027	45,027	100%	-	0.00%
122	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	HOUMA, WESLEY	769	769	100%	769	769	100%	-	0.00%
123	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	IOWA, FIRST	5,360	5,360	100%	5,360	5,360	100%	-	0.00%
124	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	3,175	3,175	100%	3,175	3,175	100%	-	0.00%
125	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	2,674	2,674	100%	2,674	2,674	100%	-	0.00%
126	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	5,037	5,037	100%	5,037	5,037	100%	-	0.00%

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127	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	KAPLAN	3,028	3,028	100%	3,028	3,028	100%	-	0.00%
128	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	117,063	117,063	100%	117,063	117,063	100%	-	0.00%
129	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	21,954	21,954	100%	21,954	21,954	100%	-	0.00%
130	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	8,849	500	6%	8,849	-	0%	8,849	5.65%
131	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	7,047	7,047	100%	7,047	7,047	100%	-	0.00%
132	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LAKE ARTHUR	7,493	7,493	100%	7,493	7,493	100%	-	0.00%
133	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	122,034	122,034	100%	122,034	122,034	100%	-	0.00%
134	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	50,535	50,535	100%	50,535	50,535	100%	-	0.00%
135	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	414	414	100%	414	414	100%	-	0.00%
136	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	LOTTIE, WILEY	811	811	100%	811	811	100%	-	0.00%
137	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	MALLALIEU	1,130	1,130	100%	1,130	1,130	100%	-	0.00%
138	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	972	655	67%	972	200	21%	772	46.81%
139	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	2,783	2,783	100%	2,783	2,783	100%	-	0.00%
140	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	20,871	20,871	100%	20,871	20,871	100%	-	0.00%
141	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	992	992	100%	992	992	100%	-	0.00%
142	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	MOSS BLUFF	20,929	20,929	100%	20,929	11,715	56%	9,215	44.03%
143	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	2,341	2,341	100%	2,341	2,341	100%	-	0.00%
144	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	NAPOLEONVILLE, WOODLAWN	3,463	3,463	100%	3,463	3,463	100%	-	0.00%
145	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	3,392	3,392	100%	3,392	3,392	100%	-	0.00%
146	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	4,605	4,605	100%	4,605	4,605	100%	-	0.00%
147	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	5,544	2,315	42%	5,544	5,544	100%	-	-58.24%
148	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	PATTERSON	3,215	-	0%	3,215	500	16%	2,715	-15.55%
149	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	PLAQUEMINE FIRST	7,677	7,677	100%	7,677	-	0%	7,677	100.00%
150	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	2,265	2,265	100%	2,265	2,265	100%	-	0.00%
151	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	PORT BARRE	355	355	100%	355	355	100%	-	0.00%
152	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	2,435	2,435	100%	2,435	2,435	100%	-	0.00%
153	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	SCOTT	6,575	6,575	100%	6,575	6,575	100%	-	0.00%
154	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	SQUYRES	7,056	7,056	100%	7,056	7,056	100%	-	0.00%
155	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	ST. LUKE SIMPSON	74,505	74,505	100%	74,505	74,505	100%	-	0.00%
156	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	3,793	4,091	108%	3,793	3,793	100%	-	7.86%
157	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	64,231	64,231	100%	64,231	24,980	39%	39,251	61.11%
158	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	3,099	-	0%	3,099	3,099	100%	-	-100.00%
159	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	SULPHUR, WESLEY	10,490	10,490	100%	10,490	10,511	100%	(21)	-0.20%
160	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	5,112	5,112	100%	5,112	5,112	100%	-	0.00%
161	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	THIBODAUX, FIRST	17,047	17,047	100%	17,047	17,047	100%	-	0.00%
162	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	4,033	4,033	100%	4,033	4,033	100%	-	0.00%
163	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	520	520	100%	520	520	100%	-	0.00%
164	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	WARREN	9,700	1,551	16%	9,700	9,700	100%	-	-84.01%
165	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	2,117	2,117	100%	2,117	2,117	100%	-	0.00%
166	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	WELSH, FIRST	12,588	12,588	100%	12,588	11,088	88%	1,500	11.92%
167	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	WELSH, JONES	442	442	100%	442	442	100%	-	0.00%
168	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	WESTLAKE	11,289	11,289	100%	11,289	11,289	100%	-	0.00%
169	Active	Lake Charles-Acad	Aiana Total	827,370	790,455	95.54%	827,370	748,640	90.48%	78,730.34	-5.05%
170	Active	Monroe	BASTROP, FIRST	14,032	14,032	100%	14,032	14,032	100%	(0)	0.00%
171	Active	Monroe	BEECH GROVE	562	-	0%	562	562	100%	-	-100.00%
172	Active	Monroe	BERNICE	4,873	-	0%	4,873	-	0%	4,873	0.00%
173	Active	Monroe	BIRDS CHAPEL	1,446	1,342	93%	1,446	1,446	100%	-	-7.19%
174	Active	Monroe	CENTERPOINT	982	982	100%	982	982	100%	-	0.00%
175	Active	Monroe	CLAY	1,851	1,851	100%	1,851	1,851	100%	-	0.00%
176	Active	Monroe	DUBACH	4,565	4,565	100%	4,565	4,565	100%	-	0.00%
177	Active	Monroe	HOLLY RIDGE	423	-	0%	423	-	0%	423	0.00%
178	Active	Monroe	MARION	5,472	5,472	100%	5,472	5,472	100%	-	0.00%
179	Active	Monroe	MER ROUGE	4,717	4,717	100%	4,717	4,717	100%	-	0.00%
180	Active	Monroe	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	70,049	70,049	100%	70,049	70,049	100%	-	0.00%
181	Active	Monroe	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	3,706	-	0%	3,706	-	0%	3,706	0.00%
182	Active	Monroe	ST. JAMES	2,827	-	0%	2,827	-	0%	2,827	0.00%
183	Active	Monroe	ST. PAUL	1,947	1,947	100%	1,947	1,947	100%	-	0.00%
184	Active	Monroe	SUMMERFIELD	1,915	-	0%	1,915	-	0%	1,915	0.00%
185	Active	Monroe Total		119,367	104,957	87.9%	119,367	105,623	88.49%	13,743.92	0.56%
186	Active	New Orleans	ALDERSGATE	57,619	43,214	75%	59,148	59,148	100%	-	-25.00%
187	Active	New Orleans	ALGIERS	7,735	7,735	100%	7,940	7,940	100%	-	0.00%
188	Active	New Orleans	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	3,406	3,406	100%	3,496	3,496	100%	-	0.00%
189	Active	New Orleans	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	5,519	5,519	100%	5,665	5,665	100%	-	0.00%
190	Active	New Orleans	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	6,315	6,315	100%	6,483	6,483	100%	-	0.00%

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191	Active	New Orleans	AURORA	13,631	13,631	100%	13,993	13,993	100%	-	0.00%
192	Active	New Orleans	BELLE CHASSE	8,519	8,520	100%	8,745	8,745	100%	-	0.01%
193	Active	New Orleans	BETHANY	12,027	-	0%	12,346	-	0%	12,346	0.00%
194	Active	New Orleans	BOGALUSA, ESM	15,853	15,853	100%	16,274	16,274	100%	-	0.00%
195	Active	New Orleans	BOYNTON	6,795	6,795	100%	6,975	6,975	100%	-	0.00%
196	Active	New Orleans	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	7,424	7,424	100%	7,621	7,621	100%	-	0.00%
197	Active	New Orleans	CARROLLTON	12,001	12,001	100%	12,319	12,319	100%	-	0.00%
198	Active	New Orleans	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	1,377	1,377	100%	1,414	1,414	100%	-	0.00%
199	Active	New Orleans	CORNERSTONE	23,055	23,055	100%	23,667	-	0%	23,667	100.00%
200	Active	New Orleans	COVINGTON, FIRST	11,871	11,871	100%	12,186	12,186	100%	-	0.00%
201	Active	New Orleans	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	23,097	23,097	100%	23,710	23,710	100%	-	0.00%
202	Active	New Orleans	FIRST GRACE UMC	50,624	22,700	45%	51,967	36,243	70%	15,724	-24.90%
203	Active	New Orleans	FIRST STREET P W	10,212	10,212	100%	10,483	10,483	100%	-	0.00%
204	Active	New Orleans	GRETNA	28,869	28,869	100%	29,635	29,635	100%	-	0.00%
205	Active	New Orleans	HARRY'S CHAPEL	2,052	2,052	100%	2,106	2,106	100%	-	0.00%
206	Active	New Orleans	HARTZELL	2,860	-	0%	2,936	-	0%	2,936	0.00%
207	Active	New Orleans	HARTZELL MT. ZION	19,275	19,275	100%	19,786	19,786	100%	-	0.00%
208	Active	New Orleans	HAVEN TRINITY	6,736	6,736	100%	6,915	6,915	100%	-	0.00%
209	Active	New Orleans	HAYES CHAPEL	2,528	2,528	100%	2,595	2,595	100%	-	0.00%
210	Active	New Orleans	KOREAN	4,566	-	0%	4,687	-	0%	4,687	0.00%
211	Active	New Orleans	LAHARPE THOMPSON	4,310	4,310	100%	4,424	1,400	32%	3,024	68.35%
212	Active	New Orleans	LAPLACE, FIRST	6,536	-	0%	6,709	-	0%	6,709	0.00%
213	Active	New Orleans	LUTCHER CHAPEL	2,811	2,811	100%	2,886	2,886	100%	-	0.00%
214	Active	New Orleans	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	16,399	16,399	100%	16,835	16,835	100%	-	0.00%
215	Active	New Orleans	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	17,986	17,986	100%	18,463	18,463	100%	-	0.00%
216	Active	New Orleans	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	10,358	10,358	100%	10,633	10,633	100%	-	0.00%
217	Active	New Orleans	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	18,070	18,070	100%	18,549	18,549	100%	-	0.00%
218	Active	New Orleans	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	6,321	6,321	100%	6,489	6,489	100%	-	0.00%
219	Active	New Orleans	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	4,120	4,120	100%	4,229	4,229	100%	-	0.00%
220	Active	New Orleans	PEOPLES	4,640	4,640	100%	4,763	4,763	100%	-	0.00%
221	Active	New Orleans	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	2,325	2,325	100%	2,387	2,387	100%	-	0.00%
222	Active	New Orleans	RAYNE	123,405	123,405	100%	126,679	126,679	100%	-	0.00%
223	Active	New Orleans	SLIDELL, FIRST	51,647	51,647	100%	53,017	53,017	100%	-	0.00%
224	Active	New Orleans	ST. MATTHEW'S	19,404	19,404	100%	19,919	19,919	100%	-	0.00%
225	Active	New Orleans	THIRKIELD	4,442	4,442	100%	4,560	4,560	100%	-	0.00%
226	Active	New Orleans	THOMAS	8,159	8,159	100%	8,375	8,375	100%	-	0.00%
227	Active	New Orleans	WILLIAMS ROSS	6,931	6,931	100%	7,115	7,115	100%	-	0.00%
228	Active	New Orleans	WINAN	4,595	4,595	100%	4,717	4,717	100%	-	0.00%
229	Active	New Orleans Total		656,425	588,108	89.59%	673,841	604,748	89.75%	69,093.00	0.2%
230	Active	Shreveport	ARCADIA, FIRST	5,807	5,807	100%	5,807	5,807	100%	-	0.00%
231	Active	Shreveport	BIENVILLE	1,604	-	0%	1,604	-	0%	1,604	0.00%
232	Active	Shreveport	BONCHEST	1,386	1,386	100%	1,386	1,386	100%	-	0.00%
233	Active	Shreveport	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	70,511	70,511	100%	70,511	70,511	100%	-	0.00%
234	Active	Shreveport	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	12,301	12,301	100%	12,301	12,301	100%	-	0.00%
235	Active	Shreveport	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	96,767	96,767	100%	96,767	96,767	100%	-	0.00%
236	Active	Shreveport	CASTOR	2,474	2,474	100%	2,474	2,474	100%	-	0.00%
237	Active	Shreveport	CHRIST UMC	45,374	45,374	100%	45,374	14,269	31%	31,105	68.55%
238	Active	Shreveport	COLQUITT	528	528	100%	528	528	100%	-	0.00%
239	Active	Shreveport	DOYLINE	4,424	4,424	100%	4,424	4,424	100%	-	0.00%
240	Active	Shreveport	FAIRFIELD	4,770	4,770	100%	4,770	4,770	100%	-	0.00%
241	Active	Shreveport	GILLIAM	6,003	6,003	100%	6,003	6,003	100%	-	0.00%
242	Active	Shreveport	GRACE COMMUNITY	65,829	60,343	92%	65,829	65,829	100%	-	-8.33%
243	Active	Shreveport	GREENWOOD	4,658	3,866	83%	4,658	4,658	100%	-	-17.00%
244	Active	Shreveport	HAUGHTON	4,565	4,565	100%	4,565	4,565	100%	-	0.00%
245	Active	Shreveport	KEITHVILLE	7,141	7,141	100%	7,141	7,141	100%	-	0.00%
246	Active	Shreveport	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	1,529	1,529	100%	1,529	1,529	100%	-	0.00%
247	Active	Shreveport	LISBON	2,938	2,938	100%	2,938	2,938	100%	-	0.00%
248	Active	Shreveport	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	1,697	1,697	100%	1,697	1,697	100%	-	0.00%
249	Active	Shreveport	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	4,801	4,801	100%	4,801	4,801	100%	-	0.00%
250	Active	Shreveport	MOORINGSPOET	3,914	3,914	100%	3,914	3,914	100%	-	0.00%
251	Active	Shreveport	NEW LIGHT	2,185	2,185	100%	2,185	2,185	100%	-	0.00%
252	Active	Shreveport	NOEL MEMORIAL	111,518	111,518	100%	111,518	111,518	100%	-	0.00%
253	Active	Shreveport	NORTH HIGHLANDS	7,840	7,840	100%	7,840	7,840	100%	-	0.00%
254	Active	Shreveport	NORTHPOINT	10,748	10,748	100%	10,748	10,748	100%	-	0.00%

				YEAR ENDED 12/31/2022			YEAR ENDED 12/31/2023				
			2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	YEAR OVER	
Status	DISTNAME	CHURCHNAME	APPORTIONMENT Assessed	Apportionments PAID	PERCENT PAID	APPORTIONMENT Assessed	Apportionments PAID	PERCENT PAID	Apportionment BALANCES DUE	YEAR PERCENT	
255	Active	Shreveport	OIL CITY	1,249	1,249	100%	1,249	1,249	100%	-	0.00%
256	Active	Shreveport	PILGRIM REST	1,345	1,345	100%	1,345	1,345	100%	-	0.00%
257	Active	Shreveport	RINGGOLD	7,773	7,773	100%	7,773	7,773	100%	-	0.00%
258	Active	Shreveport	ROUND GROVE	3,162	3,162	100%	3,162	3,162	100%	-	0.00%
259	Active	Shreveport	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	109,305	109,305	100%	109,305	79,495	73%	29,810	27.27%
260	Active	Shreveport	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	6,814	6,814	100%	6,814	6,814	100%	-	0.00%
261	Active	Shreveport	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	24,863	24,863	100%	24,863	24,863	100%	-	0.00%
262	Active	Shreveport	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	11,476	11,476	100%	11,476	11,576	101%	-	-0.87%
263	Active	Shreveport	SIBLEY	3,359	3,359	100%	3,359	3,359	100%	-	0.00%
264	Active	Shreveport Total		650,658	642,776	98.79%	650,658	588,238	90.41%	62,520	-8.38%
265	Active Total		3,743,961	3,568,033	95.30%	3,785,921	3,509,142	92.69%	276,878	-2.61%	

Louisiana Conference of The UMC
List of Benefits Billings Arrearages by Church
As of December 31, 2023

DISTRICT	CHURCH NAME	1/1/2023 Balance	Billings	Payments	12/31/2023 Balance
Alexandria	EMMANUEL UMC [AL] (2440) {974352}	\$ 120.00	\$ 720.00	\$ (720.00)	\$ 120.00
	HASKIN CHAPEL [AL] (4360) {975312}	2,398.41	1,065.96	-	3,464.37
	SANDERS CHAPEL UMC [AL] (2590) {709414}	249.94	-	-	249.94
Alexandria Total		2,768.35	1,785.96	(720.00)	3,834.31
Baton Rouge	BAKER, FIRST [BR] (3020) {710025}	8,252.45	-	-	8,252.45
	GREENSBURG [BR] (7230) {710446}	4,425.67	-	-	4,425.67
	HUFF CHAPEL [BR] (7500) {710834}	152.93	-	-	152.93
Baton Rouge Total		12,831.05	-	-	12,831.05
Lake Charles-Acadiana	FRANKLIN, FIRST [LA] (1090) {711166}	30.02	2,400.00	(2,400.00)	30.02
	LOTTIE, WILSON MEMORIAL [LA] (1470) {710561}	2,722.52	-	-	2,722.52
	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH [LA] (3400) {973381}	7,965.23	288.00	(288.00)	7,965.23
	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER [LA] (3120) {973450}	12,155.94	655.98	(655.98)	12,155.94
	PATTERSON [LA] (1440) {711508}	14,601.43	7,662.96	(9,162.96)	13,101.43
Lake Charles-Acadiana Total		37,475.14	11,006.94	(12,506.94)	35,975.14
Monroe	ANSLEY [MN] (8010) {714444}	180.00	720.00	(720.00)	180.00
	CENTERPOINT [MN] (8120) {714648}	-	333.00	(327.75)	5.25
	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC [MN] (5050) {97514}	19,957.48	3,450.00	-	23,407.48
	ST. JAMES [MN] (5310) {975287}	322.50	1,290.00	(1,290.00)	322.50
Monroe Total		20,459.98	5,793.00	(2,337.75)	23,915.23
New Orleans	CONVENT, ST. JAMES [NO] (3280) {974135}	1,029.21	-	-	1,029.21
	HARTZELL [NO] (6320) {974784}	11,432.92	-	-	11,432.92
	LAHARPE THOMPSON [NO] (6370) {974818}	32,820.31	-	-	32,820.31
	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH [NO] (6370) {974818}	795.90	-	-	795.90
	NEWELL [NO] (7350) {974820}	6,019.86	900.00	(800.00)	6,119.86
New Orleans Total		52,098.20	900.00	(800.00)	52,198.20
Shreveport	ARIZONA [SH] (8040) {715073}	86.68	-	-	86.68
	GREENWOOD [SH] (9070) {715767}	351.00	2,106.00	(2,106.00)	351.00
Shreveport Total		437.68	2,106.00	(2,106.00)	437.68
Grand Total		\$ 126,070.40	\$ 21,591.90	\$ (18,470.69)	\$ 129,191.61

REPORT III – Apportionment Budgets for Revenues and Expenditures - Financial Reports

For the 2025 budget year, CFA in collaboration with the Treasurer and Conference leadership, continued the prior year's work to develop a multi-dimensional revenues and expenditures model for mission and ministry. The compelling issue is the long-term loss of apportionment revenue from churches disaffiliating in 2022 and 2023. In March 2024, due to faithful congregations and good stewardship, CFA announced a 20% reduction in the 2024 apportionments to ALL local churches. An additional 5% reduction was granted to those churches paying 100% of 2022 and 2023 apportionments. These reductions were the results of the calculated "Excess General Unrestricted/Undesignated Reserves" accumulating over the past few years. Further as part of the 2025 budget proposal, CFA wants to maintain the local church apportionments assessments at the revised lowered 2024 amounts.

CFA will continue to strive for a balanced approach to using all resources and reserves in a new post disaffiliation financial reality. For 2025, to continue the smoothing effect for ministry expenditures, CFA will utilize the following sources over the next 1-3 years:

- Apportionments to "staying" UM local churches
- Reserves from apportionment collections from disaffiliating churches.
- EXCESS General Undesignated Reserves (calculated as of 12/31/2023 and subject to annual review)
- Investment income from UMFLa funds

For 2025, CFA worked to maintain the apportionment expenditures at a flat level so as not to negatively impact the mission and ministries dependent upon the Conference apportionment funding. Below is a summary of the funding plan for apportionment expenditures for 2025:

	Approved 2024	Proposed 2025
<u>Apportionments - Inflows:</u>		
UM Churches Apportionments assessed	\$ 3,785,920	\$ 3,785,920
Less: 2024 and 2025 20% Reduction to local churches	(753,172)	(753,172)
Less: 2024 apportionments 5% bonus reduction (for churches paid out 100% for 2022 and 2023)	(158,550)	-
<u>INFLOWS - REVISED APPORTIONMENTS ASSESSED TO LOCAL CHURCHES</u>	\$ 2,874,198	\$ 3,032,748
<u>Expenditure outflows - Summary by Major Ministry:</u>		
General Conference (*published 3/2024) & SCJ (*note - subject to GC2024 Approval in April 2024)	\$ 1,120,200	\$ 1,172,888
Programming and benevolences	1,024,350	1,040,959
Annual Conference Event	100,000	125,000
Conf/District Office Operating Expenses	393,459	430,362
Salaries, Benefits for all clergy & laity	1,904,000	1,772,800
<u>OUTFLOWS - Apportionments Expenditures</u>	\$ 4,542,009	\$ 4,542,009
<u>NET Estimated Negative Outflows over Inflows before Reserves usage</u>	\$ (1,667,811)	\$ (1,509,261)
<u>NET Estimated Negative Outflows to be funded by Reserves:</u>		
"EXCESS" Unrestricted General Reserves (20% Reduction for 2024 and FORWARD)	753,172	753,172
"EXCESS" Unrestricted General Reserves (5% bonus reduction for 2024 only)	158,550	-
Reserves from Designated - Disaffiliation Collections of Apportionment for future budgets -(Note Amount was determined in 2023 for 2024, and carried forward to 2025)	756,089	756,089
Reserves from Designated - Disaffiliations Collections of Apportionment for future UNKNOWN	-	-
<u>NET Usage of Apportionment Expenditures from Reserves</u>	\$ 1,667,811	\$ 1,509,261
<u>NET Projected unfunded Apportionment Expenditures</u>	\$ -	\$ -

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A reminder that the “apportionment revenue budget (amounts assessed to local churches)” is not the same as each ministry area’s “apportionment operating (or expenditure) budget”.

While the proposed individual expenditures apportionment line items may have changed from 2024 to 2025, CFA was committed to retaining the apportionment expenditure budget at the same level as 2024, or a total of \$4,542,009. This model is projected to use almost all of the Reserves - Disaffiliated Churches’ Apportionment Collections by the end of 2026. Beginning in 2027, alternate revenue sources, such as interest income from investments at UMFLa will need to be utilized.

Finally, it is important to note that the next quadrennial (2024-2028) will bring further changes to the overall mission and ministry of the Conference. CFA will continue to navigate diligently the organization’s competing financial priorities.

DETAILED 2025 PROPOSED APPORTIONMENT EXPENDITURE BUDGET

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2025 PROPOSED COMBINED APPORTIONMENT EXPENDITURE BUDGET - COMBINED CONFERENCE AND DISTRICTS

		POST GC - 2025 Apportionment Expenditure Budget for Conference and Districts - Combined (a)	Approved		
See Budget Notes on next pages following exhibit			2024 Apportionment Budget for Conference and 6 Districts - Combined	Increase (decrease) from 2024 to 2025	Budget Note(s)
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Episcopacy Committee	3,000	1,000	2,000	cc	
Total for Bishop, Cabinet and Clergy Excellence	920,900	882,000	38,900		
Ministry area subtotal Dollar change from prior year	38,900	107,800			
Ministry area subtotal Percent change from prior year	4.41%	13.92%			
District Superintendents and Districts' Operations					
DS - Salaries, benefits expenses	645,000	615,000	30,000	d, dd, f	
DS - parsonage expenses and cash housing, includes insurance and expenses on parsonages	70,000	70,000	-	t, ee	
Distribution - DS - parsonages expenses	(70,000)	(70,000)	-	ee	
Laity- Districts' Admin Assists- Salaries, benefits	137,000	191,000	(54,000)	ff	
Districts' Office Expenses	40,000	43,000	(3,000)	gg.	
Annual Conference - At Large Delegates	30,000	30,000	-	hh	
Districts'(all) Programing expenses:	15,000	54,000	(39,000)	ii	
Total for Districts	867,000	933,000	(66,000)		
Ministry area subtotal Dollar change from prior year	(66,000)	(63,900)			
Ministry area subtotal Percent change from prior year	-7.07%	-6.41%			
Administrative Ministries					
Laity Salaries, Benefits	443,900	378,000	65,900	d, jj, f	
CPA Audit Expense	26,000	25,000	1,000	kk	
Information Technology-support and software recurring	35,000	35,000	-	kk	
Telephone/Internet Expense	16,000	14,000	2,000	kk	
Postage and Office supplies	8,500	7,500	1,000	kk	
Office Equipment leases	11,000	9,000	2,000	kk	
Payroll/HR Processing Fees	7,000	6,000	1,000	kk	
Conf. Missional miscellaneous expenses	9,993	8,000	3,871	kk	
Total Administrative Ministries	557,393	482,500	76,771		
Ministry area subtotal Dollar change from prior year	74,893	(57,700)			
Ministry area subtotal Percent change from prior year	15.52%	-10.68%			
Other Apportioned Funds					
Bd of Pensions & Health Benefits	-	-	-	ll	
Conference Commission on Archives and History	1,000	1,000	-		
Board of Trustees-operating	1,000	1,000	-	mm	
Board of Trustees-closed churches expenses	-	-	-	mm	
Property & Liability Insurance	30,000	40,000	(10,000)	nn	
Worker's Compensation Insurance, net of dividend	10,000	9,000	1,000		
Episcopal Residence-Recurring and non-recurring	30,000	25,000	5,000	oo	
Conf. Office Building Maintenance - recurring	55,000	55,000	-	pp	
Conf. Office Building Maintenance - nonrecurring	30,000	10,000	20,000	pp	
Chancellor's expenses	75,000	75,000	-	qq	
Total Other Apportioned Funds	232,000	216,000	16,000		
Ministry area subtotal Dollar change from prior year	16,000	(115,000)			
Ministry area subtotal Percent change from prior year	7.41%	-34.74%			
SUBTOTAL - LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND DISTRICTS					
	3,367,243	3,421,850	(52,729)		
All LAUMC Ministry areas Dollar change from prior year	(1,878)	(565,874)			
All LAUMC Ministry areas Percent change from prior year	-0.06%	-14.19%			
TOTAL ALL APPORTIONED EXPENDITURE AMOUNTS					
	\$ 4,542,009	\$ 4,542,009	\$ 0		
Total Dollar Change from Prior Year					
	\$ -	(1,392,569)			
Total Percent Change from Prior Year					
	0.00%	-23.47%			

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2025 PROPOSED COMBINED APPORTIONMENT EXPENDITURE BUDGET - COMBINED CONFERENCE AND DISTRICTS

1		POST GC - 2025	<i>Approved</i>		
2	<u>See Budget Notes on next pages following exhibit</u>	Apportionment			
		Expenditure Budget for	2024 Apportionment Budget for	Increase	
		- Combined (a)	Conference and 6 Districts -	(decrease) from	
			Combined	2024 to 2025	Budget
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105	SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE TO Budget Presentation				
106	Summary of Salaries/Benefits-By Ministry Area	Proposed 2025	Approved 2024		
107	Congregational Vitality				
108	Clergy	\$ -	\$ -	-	
109	Laity	-	91,000	(91,000)	
110	Episcopacy, Clergy Excellence and Communications				
111	Clergy	540,000	466,000	74,000	
112	Less distribution from Interest Income on reserves	(73,000)	(64,000)	(9,000)	
113	Laity	149,900	227,000	(77,100)	
114	District Superintendents and District Offices				
115	District Superintendents	645,000	785,000	(140,000)	
116	Less distribution from Interest Income earned	(70,000)	(70,000)	-	
117	One DS rotating off Cabinet (not be replaced 7/1/2023)	-	(100,000)	100,000	
118	District Administrative Assistants	137,000	191,000	(54,000)	
119	Administration				
120	Laity	443,900	378,000	65,900	
121	Total all Salaries/Benefits et al	\$ 1,772,800	\$ 1,904,000	(131,200)	
122	Dollar Change from Prior Year from prior year	\$ -	\$ (178,600)		
123	Percent Change from Prior Year	0.00%	-8.58%		
124					
125	Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) (for both Conference and District staff):	2025 with 3 DSs, and 2 AAs	(As budgeted) 2024 with 3.5 DSs, and 2 AAs		
126	Clergy	6.0	6.50		
127	Laity	9.0	10.0		
128		15.0	16.5		
129					
130	END OF BUDGET REPORT				

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Supporting NOTES TO 2025 Combined Conference and Districts Apportionment BUDGET PROPOSAL

(Note: An email address has been set up to assist with questions regarding the CFA reports: CFAQuestions@la-umc.org . Alternatively, feel free to call Sandy O'Brien at 225-346-1646, ext 201 with any advance questions.

(Note: corresponding letter referenced on presentation):

- a. In keeping with the ongoing effort to reduce overall apportionments to local churches, CFA has considered the various reserves on hand and available to fund the mission and ministry work of the Conference. CFA felt strongly that apportionments to “staying” churches should not increase, and therefore proposes that the apportionments assessed for 2025 be the same as the 2024 amounts less the 20% reduction. It is important to note that the “apportionment revenue budget (amounts assessed to local churches)” is not the same as each ministry area’s “apportionment operating (or expenditure) budget”.
- b. The apportionment budget amounts listed for the **General Conference** are based on the amounts approved by the 2024 General Conference. Individual GCFA budget lines were revised from prior years’ but resulted in a 5.11% overall increase from the amount apportioned for the 2024 GCFA budget.

The **South Central Jurisdictional Conference** submitted a new apportionment budget in 2023 for the 2024-2028 quadrennial setting the amount at \$51,723. Thus, the proposed amount for 2025 is the same as the 2024 amount.

- c. The Conference Office has continued to adapt and evolve in light of the significant changes over the last few years. Within the Conference Office, clergy and laity have been reassigned (or duties and responsibilities reallocated) from one ministry area to another. The 2025 budget reflects an overall modest cost of living increase of 2% including changes in benefits costs due to rising prices, primarily the health insurance premiums.

The Conference leadership has made a decision to pause any new permanent positions or replacement hires. Further, the Conference strategic planning group is in the beginning stages of implementing the longer-term plan for the mission and ministry, including staffing needs.

Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) for both Conference and District permanent staff:

	2023	2024	Proposed 2025
Clergy	6.5	6.5	6.0
Laity	12.0	10.0	9.0
	19.0	16.5	15.0

Conference clergy and staff may receive annual increases in salary or housing allowances at the discretion of the Bishop with supervisory input, but must not create a deficit in the total budget amounts across the Conference for salaries and benefits, et al. budget line items.

As part of the strategic planning, several ministry areas have engaged part time workers to assist with strategic implementation work. These expenditures are not considered long term or permanent employment roles, and are funded out of existing reserves in various ministry areas.

- d. In alignment with a strategic shift in utilizing both reserves on hand and alternate funding sources, the Conference has created three temporary positions for starting July 1, 2023. Two of the positions are for the Congregational Vitality Strategist: UMC Congregational Vitality Strategist and Black Church Vitality Strategist. Both positions are funded from Congregational Transformation and Development reserves. The Conference leadership has also hired a temporary part time Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion strategist to assist with the Antiracism work currently underway. This position is being funded out of the special designations of prior year’s Excess Reserves as approved by CFA and the Annual Conferees in 2022. The Director of Connectional Ministries, in consultation with the Bishop, will periodically assess the effectiveness and necessity for each of these three positions.

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- f. The positions included for **Congregational Vitality – Laity Salary, Benefits and Reimbursements** (see note d. above) that provides support for the Office of Congregational Transformation and Development., Communications, the Board of Trustees, and the Disaster Response ministries have been consolidated under the Finance and Administrative Services Office. These staff are cross-functional in these ministry areas, including the Office of Finance and Administrative Services.
- g. The Office of **Congregational Transformation and Development (CTD)** has been a priority for the Conference for many years in terms of apportioning a significant amount of the overall budget. Accordingly, this ministry area has built up reserves of unused apportionments as well as received other designated reserves for ministry work which aligns with the Office of CTD's mission. The total of such reserves is **\$4,253,564** as of December 31, 2023. While still a priority for the ministry and mission of the Conference, CFA believes that with reserves of this magnitude, there is no need for apportioning churches additional amounts. These reserves can be used for multiple years into the future with no interruption in current or future CTD work. Given the amount of overall reserves on hand at December 31, 2023, this ministry area submitted a 2025 placeholder budget amount of \$1,000.

Additionally, the Office CTD is currently holding two separate closed Conference properties, the Southern University Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry building in Baton Rouge, and, the former Parker Memorial UMC in New Orleans, and being researched and investigated into future alternate missional uses. The cumulative carrying costs for minimal maintenance and insurance for these properties is \$157,650 as of December 31, 2023 (see the Treasurer's Financial Report in the Journal Report).

- h. Volunteers in Mission (VIM) funds budget items are currently coordinated under the Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. CFA determined that the Disaster Response ministry areas has reserves of over \$800,000 as of December 31, 2023 for all types of VIM and disaster response efforts. CFA believes that with reserves of this magnitude, there is no need for apportioning churches additional amounts (see the Treasurer's Financial Report in the Journal Report).
- i. CFA believes that **Discipleship Team Ministries** prior year budget amount of \$12,000 is adequate for the ministry plans and sees no need for apportioning churches additional amounts at this time. CFA believes that this ministry area can absorb the reduction in apportionments due to expenditure levels in the last few years.
- j. CFA believes that the **Mission and Mercy Team** prior year budgeted amount of \$14,500 is adequate for the ministry plans and sees no need for apportioning churches additional amounts at this time.
- k. The **Youth Ministry** area is one of the few ministry areas that is allowed to carryforward unused reserves from year to year due to their self-fundraising programs. In addition to apportionments support, the Conference provided program underwriting for four different FUSION and youth events held at the Wesley Center during 2023. As of December 31, 2023, this area had available reserves of \$104,295.
- l. CFA believes that the three (3) District Camps' and related **Camping Ministries** need long-term strategies for fruitfulness, accountability and sustainability within the United Methodist connection. Due to the many competing priorities, CFA recommends this area receive the same apportionment budget amount as in 2024 for a 2025 proposed amount of \$100,000.
- m. The **Board of Laity** requested a 2023 apportionment budget of \$6,000. The leadership of the Board of Laity has requested, and been approved, by CFA.
- n. The **Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry's** leadership continues to work with the Campus Ministries and the Cabinet on strategies for fruitfulness, accountability and sustainability. The Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry solely determines the grant amounts to each individual Wesley Foundation. The Board used \$76,371 of reserves in 2023 leaving a total reserves balance of \$819,457. Additionally, the McNeese University Wesley Campus Ministry property was sold in 2023, netting proceeds of approximately \$220,000 received by the Finance Office in early 2024. CFA believes that with these reserves, this ministry area can absorb a reduction in apportionments for a 2025 proposed apportionment budget amount of \$270,000.

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- o. For **Safe Sanctuaries**, the Council recommends the same apportionment budget as the 2024 amount of \$10,000. This ministry programming will be partially utilized for the commitment made by the leadership of the Conference in connection with the Boy Scouts of America settlement. Plans are being made for programming for both clergy and laity.
- p. CFA recognizes that **The Wesley Center** has made great strides in becoming more financially independent from reliance on the Conference apportionments and usage of the facilities. However, as with most other ministry areas, the realities of the disaffiliation impact must be addressed. CFA proposes the same apportionment budget amount of \$90,000 for 2025 as was adopted in 2024.
- q. CFA recognizes the importance of membership in **The Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC)** for ecumenical purposes. The Conference already provides in-kind office space, and bookkeeping and accounting services at a reduced rate, resulting in savings of a full time staff position. As with most other ministry areas, the realities of the disaffiliation impact has resulted in CFA proposing the same apportionment budget amount of \$14,450 for 2025 as was adopted in 2024.
- r. We are blessed to have two colleges with historic ties to The United Methodist Church within the bounds of The Louisiana Annual Conference. Since the merger of Conference A and Conference B in 1971, both institutions have received annual funding through apportionments, offerings, campaigns, and endowment distributions.

Permanent Endowments were established for both institutions in 2018, a \$1,000,000 dollar endowment for Centenary College and a \$250,000 endowment for Dillard University, to be managed by The United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana. Each institution receives an approximate 4% distribution from these endowments annually. In reviewing the historic funding levels, the disparity in funding between Centenary and Dillard has become evident.

In an effort to address this, CFA, in response to requests from Bishop Williamston and the Cabinet, recommends:

- The disparity of apportionment funding should be addressed and equalized between the two institutions. For 2025, CFA recommends apportionment budget allocations of \$120,000 for both institutions. The total of both allocations, \$240,000, is slightly more than the combined amounts for 2024 totaling \$238,100.
- CFA develop a plan to fund the Dillard University Endowment to a level approximating the Centenary College Endowment by no later than 2028.
- s. The positions included for **Bishop' Office and Clergy Excellence – Clergy Salaries and Benefits** are for the salaries, housing allowance and benefits and expense reimbursements for the Assistant to the Bishop/Director of Connectional Ministries, the Director of Communications Strategies, and the Director of Clergy Excellence. Clergy in this area may receive annual increases in salary or housing allowances at the discretion of the Bishop or other supervising clergy. In addition, clergy benefits includes a projected 5% increase in the premium for the health insurance plan.
- t. The use of the designated reserves from the various Sales of Parsonages (the principal) for Conference Clergy and Districts' Superintendents (LC, BR, MN, and AL-old) totaling \$1,446,724 are restricted by Book of Discipline. However, the investment earnings are allowed to be used to offset current clergy and DSs parsonage and cash housing allowances. The investment earnings distribution also resulted in lower apportionments in 2024 for those expenses. Thus, the amounts are shown as an expense with an offsetting transfer from the investment earnings on those principal balances. (Transfer to be quarterly beginning recorded on 3/31/2025).
- u. The staff positions included for **Episcopacy and Clergy Excellence – Laity Salary, Benefits and Reimbursements** are for 1) Associate Director for Website/Communications position to support and enhance the Cabinet and Communications Ministry, and 2) Administrative support to the Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Clergy Excellence.

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- v. The ministry area of **Clergy Excellence** has utilized a portion of their reserves during the 2022 and 2023 transitional season, and will further deplete the reserve balance in 2024. The Director of Clergy Excellence has requested apportionment funding to maintain and possibly increase recruitment and leadership development programming efforts. Therefore, CFA recommends this area's funding be increased to a significantly higher level than the 2024 "placeholder" apportionment amount for a proposed 2025 apportionment of \$25,000.
 - w. The Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) has two types of reserves. One part is the Pastoral Care reserve funds and the other is the unused Ministers' Education Fund (MEF) that arises from the 25% of the General Church apportionment for MEF expenditures. The CBOM's cumulative unused reserves for both types total \$433,927 as of December 31, 2023. The BOM also maintains a Clergy Exiting reserve fund of \$59,478. (See the Treasurer's Financial Report in the Journal Report). CFA deemed the proposed 2025 apportionment amount of \$40,000 is still adequate given the reserves on hand. In addition, in 2025 the BOM will receive approximately \$45,000 from the 25% of the collections for General Church Ministerial Education Fund apportionment budget of \$176,986 (listed under the General Church apportionments), but subject to on-ratio collections.
 - x. The request for 2025 apportionments for the Clergy Leave and Transition under other Pastoral Care reflects the ministry area's reserve balance of such funds in the amount of \$326,354 as of December 31, 2023 (see the Treasurer's Financial Report in the Journal Report). Given the amount of overall reserves on hand at December 31, 2023, this ministry area once again submitted a 2025 placeholder budget request amount of \$1,000.
 - y. The **Communications Ministry** continues to work diligently to transition to the rapidly changing digital and social media platforms. The request in the 2025 apportionment budget reflects the ongoing need to provide enhanced support. CFA recommends the same apportioned amount of \$50,000 for 2025 as for 2024 for this ministry area due to reserves on hand of \$69,888.
 - z. The **Annual Conference/Worship Event** apportionment budget request has increased for 2025 due to the costs of conducting an in-person event. CFA recommends a 2025 apportionment budget of \$125,000 due to the decline of registration fees from attendees, and the increase costs for the event technology. The Conference leadership will continually search for ways to conduct the event in smaller less expensive venues with the reduced number of delegates.
 - aa. The **General/Jurisdictional Delegation** apportionment budget accumulates funds from year to year in preparation for the time when General and Jurisdictional Conferences occur. This reserve funding in the amount of \$147,344 as of December 31, 2023 is designated for those delegates and alternate members elected by the Conference to have expenses reimbursed and represents a portion of delegate costs to attend General Conference, the remainder being paid by General Conference funds. This Annual Conference budget also assists with the delegations expenses for the Jurisdictional Conference.
- The **General and Jurisdictional Delegation** apportionment budget request for 2025 of \$20,000 will remain the same as 2024. CFA believes that the denominational meeting in 2024 will utilize the reserves on hand and still have funds remaining beyond the current year.
- bb. **Episcopal Area Administration** reflects no change in the 2025 budget from 2024. Thus, the 2025 Conference budget presentation for 2025 is \$40,000.
 - cc. For the ministry area of the **Episcopacy Committee**, the budget request has returned to pre-2024 amounts as this committee used much of its reserves during 2023 with the Episcopal area office transitioned from the former Bishop to the new Bishop. CFA recommends an apportionment budget for 2025 of \$3,000 for this ministry area.
 - dd. The **District Superintendents Fund - Salaries, Benefits** and expense reimbursements, including cabinet expenses— Effective July 1, 2023, the Bishop appointed three (3) District Superintendents (DSs) to the existing six (6) Districts. Post disaffiliation in 2023, the Cabinet redrew district lines and the District Superintendents primarily supervise two Districts each. Additionally the 2025 budget includes a projected increase of 5% in the premium for the participants' health insurance plan.

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- ee. The **Districts' parsonages** expenses for each of the three DSs have been reclassified from each Districts' budgets to reflect the expenses under the one-apportionment combined budget at the Conference level. The parsonage expenses will be funded from interest income distributions from the reserve funds held for sales proceeds of the parsonages' (See notes d and t above).
- ff. The **Districts' Laity Administrative Assistants–Salary, Benefits and Reimbursements**, which includes the two administrative assistants each assigned to multiple Districts, have been reclassified from each Districts' budgets to reflect the expenses under the one-apportionment combined budget at the Conference level. Additionally the 2025 budget includes a projected increase of 5% in the premium for the participants' health insurance plan (See note d).
- gg. The **Districts' Office** expenses include the operating expense of three District offices. The expenses have been reclassified from each Districts' individual budgets and reflected under the one-apportionment combined budget. The Districts' office expenses include telephone, internet, and office supplies for the three District offices.
- hh. The **Annual Conference – At Large Delegates** expenses for the 2025 apportionment budgets have been reclassified from each Districts' budgets and funded under the one-apportionment combined budget. These include funds or a stipend to assist laity at large delegates with some travel expenses. The 2025 budget request is the same budget amount as 2024, or \$30,000 to attend the Annual Conference event.
- ii. The **Districts'** have various, and in some cases, plentiful reserves for funding individualized and unique **programming** expenses for their respective Districts. These include expenses for District clergy and laity events, special endeavors, and other District-specific activities. Each Districts' Finance Committee can determine their Districts' overall expenditures using their Districts' unrestricted reserves. CFA did not see the necessity of apportioning significant additional funds when each district had ample reserves to fund any District specify programming needs. Thus, the 2025 apportionment budget requests reflect a total amount of \$15,000 for all Districts (see the Treasurer's Financial Report in the Journal Report).
- jj. The **Laity Administrative Ministries–Salary, Benefits and Reimbursements** includes the Treasurer/Director of Finance and Administrative Ministries/Conference Benefits Officer. The other employees for **Administrative Ministries–Laity Salary, Benefits and Reimbursements** are Comptroller/Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Benefits Officer, and Receptionist/Finance & Benefits Assistant.
- kk. The operating expense items under the **Administrative Ministries** area have been reduced and stabilized over the last few years. The budget request reflect modest increases on these line items due to the overall costs in operating the administrative office operations.
- ll. The **Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits (CBOPHB)** assessed the ongoing need for apportionment funds. It was determined that a request for 2025 would remain at \$-0- as there is sufficient investment income from CBOPHB's unrestricted reserves to cover the various clergy benefits, excluding health insurance, and pension and welfare plans. If interest income on CBOPHB's unrestricted reserves did not cover all of these sundry benefits, there were unrestricted reserves of \$1,863,379 as of December 31, 2023 to underwrite these expenses. CBOPHB believes that there are additional sufficient reserves on hand to underwrite the pension, health, and welfare benefits for active and retired clergy.
- mm. The **Board of Trustees operations** has incurred significant expenses in connection with protecting and maintaining the premises of closed churches, parsonages, and cemeteries for which they are actively trying to sell or donate the unused properties. Most expenses, including property insurance, are property specific and could be recouped if the property is subsequently sold. In many cases, there is no opportunity to sell these closed church properties, so some property expenses will never be recovered. Projections indicate that more closed church properties will be transferred to the Board over the next few years and the expenses could be significant over time. Due to the reserves on hand for general operations of Trustees matters, the Board has requested a nominal apportionment budget for each operations and closed church property in the amount of \$1,000. However, this budget apportionment request may rise in subsequent years as available reserves are used to fund expenses of closed church properties that cannot be recouped (see the Treasurer's Financial Report in the Journal Report).

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- nn. The Board of Trustees maintains various commercial liability coverages including closed church property and umbrella liability protection. The property insurance on either Conference operational property such as the Episcopal residence, the Conference Office (527 North), and the District parsonages (3) are funded by the apportionments for those respective budget line items. The budget requests for 2025 is \$30,000 which represents a decrease for the various liability coverages from 2024's budget amount.
- oo. The expenses for **Episcopal Residence** have increased due to the overall increases in costs of insurance and upkeep. The current reserve for major repairs and maintenance of \$45,862 is deemed adequate, the budget for 2025 recurring and non-recurring expenses is \$30,000 reflecting a \$5,000 increase from the 2024 budget.
- pp. The **Building (527 North) Maintenance** expenses are separated into two expense types: Recurring and nonrecurring costs. The recurring expenses, which include all utilities, supplies, janitorial services, insurance and routine maintenance costs, have increased due to the overall increases in costs. The budget request for recurring expenses for 2025 is \$30,000 which reflects an increase from the prior year. Additionally, there are several significant deferred maintenance issues on the building which may completely deplete the designated reserves on hand for non-recurring expenses. Thus for 2025, CFA is requesting an increase for non-recurring expenses for a total of \$30,000 to ensure there are funds to make the much needed repairs.
- qq. The **Chancellor's** unused apportionment budget carries forward each year. The legal needs of the Conference have changed significantly in recent years, and may require multiple attorneys to address the various legal situations facing the Conference. For 2025, the proposed budget of \$75,000 is the same as 2024, due anticipated usage of the reserves on hand.
- rr. Since the Conference's apportionment budget is collected and utilized within the same fiscal year, the Council has given authority to each ministry area to spend the amount of their current budget multiplied by the prior year's actual collection rate on the current year expenditures. For 2024, the prior year (2023)'s apportionment collection rate was approximately 95.6%.

(Note: An email address has been set up to assist with questions regarding the CFA reports: CFAQuestions@la-umc.org . Alternatively, feel free to call Sandy O'Brien at 225-346-1646, ext 201 with any advance questions

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REPORTS RELATED TO THE EPISCOPACY:

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE

The members of the Louisiana Conference Episcopacy Committee are Beth DeVille, Pattye Hewitt, Rev. Derrick Hills, Tom McNamara, Olivia Pruett, Rev. Drew Sutton, Jennifer Swann, Margaret Washington, Rev. Brady Whitton (chair) and Rev. Fred Wideman. The work of the committee is outlined in the Book of Discipline ¶ 637. The committee has met regularly throughout the year to support and be in ongoing conversation with Bishop Williamston regarding her leadership in the Louisiana Conference. We applaud Bishop Williamston's ongoing presence in local churches of all sizes around the state and encourage members of the Annual Conference to pray for her as she continues to lead us into the future with HōPE.

Rev. Brady Whitton, Chair

REPORTS RELATED TO INCLUSIVENESS AND RACIAL JUSTICE:

BELOVED COMMUNITY COALITION Louisiana Anti-Racism Taskforce

The Anti-Racism Task Force gathers to create a shift in action, thoughts, and systems in the Louisiana Conference. We encourage ourselves and others to grow in knowledge and understanding of race, racial history, increased equality, education, and advocacy. We are committed to an ongoing conversation that challenges our Conference and its people as we move toward greater discernment of disparities within our system and the world around us and take steps toward equality and justice for all.

With the implementation of a new staff position, Louisiana Conference Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategist, held by Katrena King, we began examining and understanding the current structure of the Louisiana Conference. Katrena collaborated with Elaine Moy, Senior Director of Finance and Institutional Equity at the General Commission on Religion and Race, to conduct an audit of the Conference.

In our Pre-Conference report under 'Measurable goals for the coming year and how they contribute to our preferred future', we stated, "We have received the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Audit from the work of King and Moy. As of March 2024, we have been tasked with examining the audit results further and developing a plan of action for our conference."

The audit results were shared with the cabinet, the Antiracism Task Force, and all Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) clergy. During each meeting, Moy captured participants' thoughts as the results were presented. After all the meetings, the results were organized and submitted to the Antiracism Task Force to develop recommendations for the Conference.

On April 17, 2024, the Anti-Racism Task Force/Beloved Community Coalition met at the conference office for a day of spirit-filled work to review the audit results.

Our recommendations from the results of that day and work are below.

KEY Recommendations:

1. **Dismantle Louisiana Antiracism Taskforce:** Our first recommendation as the Louisiana Antiracism Taskforce/Beloved Community Coalition will be to dismantle the current Antiracism Taskforce. Our hope is to reimagine a new committee and permanent body that will come alongside our Conference Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion(DEI) Strategist, Katrena King, to assist her in the DEI work within the conference. It is our desire to help her in diversifying the conference on all levels. This includes everything from the makeup of our committees and boards through the work we do to enrich our churches and communities. Our intention is that this new body will honor the people and reflect the racial makeup of our conference.
2. **BIPOC Clergy Recruitment:** At present, we have 29 active BIPOC ordained clergy compared to 92 white ordained clergy. These numbers do not include Local Pastors. Our second recommendation would explore opportunities to seek out clergy in other United Methodist Conferences, Pan Methodist Conferences, and students in varying seminaries. The goal would be to expand our recruitment strategies to reach a wider selection among the BIPOC community.
3. **Cross Racial/Cross Cultural(CR/CC) Appointments:** While our conference has actively sought to pair clergy and churches for CR/CC appointments, little work has been done to prepare either for the cultural shift. While our church profile and clergy profile forms ask each church and clergy person whether they are open to a CR/CC appointment, little is done to explain what this might entail, nor the benefits or potential pitfalls for such a placement. Our third recommendation supports the continuation of CR/CC appointments. We recommend putting together a team to seek out and assess congregations and clergy viable for these appointments. This team can then build a pool of trained and ready people to ensure that CR/CC appointments continue.
4. **Church Vitality:** More than a decade ago, our conference committed to a system of ensuring that new church starts become part of our continued ministry. In that time, less than a handful of efforts have been made to reach diverse communities. Also, our efforts at building up and sustaining BIPOC churches has shown little fruit. Our fourth recommendation is that the cabinet and Office of Congregational Development and Transformation, with prayer and intention, find new ways of supporting and creating congregations in non-white areas of our conference.
5. **BIPOC Clergy Compensation:** The difference between the median salary of a black pastor and a white pastor in the Louisiana Annual Conference climbs to at least \$21,000. Our fifth recommendation intends to examine alternative for a just system of clergy compensation. We believe, that together, as the annual conference, we should examine other compensation systems and propose changes to make ours fair and equitable.

Submitted June 3, 2024 by Rev. Tiffanie Postell, Chair on behalf of the Louisiana Antiracism Taskforce/Beloved Community Coalition of Louisiana

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION STRATEGIST

In November 2023, Rev. Katrena Porter King was appointed to the Louisiana Conference as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategist. Her role is part of the Extended Cabinet, highlighting the importance of justice-oriented work throughout the Conference. She also works alongside both the Anti-Racism Task Force and LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team as they continue their impactful work.

Since her appointment, Rev. King has embarked on a journey to research existing resources and tools relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion across the entire United Methodist connection. This includes regularly consulting the work of the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR), the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW), Discipleship Ministries, annual conferences, and beyond.

One of the first tasks Rev. King undertook was assisting Elaine Moy of GCORR in a Racial Ethnic Audit of the Louisiana Conference. Below are a few of the more pertinent findings.

There is a need for:

- Updated, clearer demographic data of the conference;
- Opportunities to hold conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion;
- Training in intercultural competency and preparing for cross-cultural appointments; and,
- Reconciliation and acknowledgment of racial segregation in our communities and churches.

Rev. King was also trained to be an Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Qualified Administrator, which allows her to teach groups and individuals about intercultural competency. She hopes to offer this training regularly, while also convening conversations around diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Due to her role as a Board Member on the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Rev. King was able to attend the 2020 General Conference. This allowed her to act as a Monitor, as needed, which involved raising awareness about the ways that voice, power, and visibility are given and taken away, intentionally or unintentionally throughout the entirety of the General Conference. At this year's Louisiana Annual Conference, she will be modeling these same efforts toward equality.

In May, due to Rev. King's efforts, the Louisiana Conference was awarded a Multiethnic Ministries Grant to develop the "People Like Me Retreat." Rev. King's vision for this retreat is to host a two-day event focused on intercultural competency, including skill-building workshops, Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) assessments, courageous conversations, conflict resolution, opportunities for storytelling, and more. This retreat will be hosted toward the end of 2024 or early 2025.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY TEAM

Formalized through majority approval of a resolution at the 2023 Louisiana Annual Conference, the LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team was assembled through the fall and held its initial organization meeting on November 9, 2023. Team members are from UMC churches found across the conference and include both lay and clergy persons, as well as members of the LGBTQIA+ population.

There is a three-fold scope of work outlined in the resolution that guides the work of this team:

- Protecting, affirming, and empowering LGBTQIA+ people within the life and ministry of the churches of our Conference, particularly as Laity and on boards and agencies
- Creating/collecting/sharing resources to equip and empower local churches to do ministry to and with people of the LGBTQIA+ community
- Collaborating with other ministry-specific areas, particularly Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Campus Ministry in order to most effectively and safely minister to and with LGBTQIA+ people of all ages

Recognizing that the continued direction of this work will be greatly influenced by the outcomes of the UMC General Conference, this team has begun work on several key initiatives:

- The group convened in November and has met consistently since then, holding an in-person workday in January 2024 to clarify our mandate and identify short, medium, and long-term goals.
- With help from the Conference, we have designed and launched a website hosting both resource lists and options to connect with the ministry team (la-umc.org/LGBTQministry). Visitors can ask questions or become a partner in the community building and overall inclusion efforts.
- We have begun outreach within our UMC family to build regional networks that can support both lay and clergy individuals and offer connections to resources and/or ministries being shared and experienced in other local contexts.

The work that lies ahead is both vast and hope filled. The goals for the team and for the Louisiana Annual Conference are lofty yet attainable as we recall these words from John Wesley: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." Here are *some* of the hopes for the near future:

- Continue to enrich the resource lists available through the webpage on the LA Conference site
- Compile a public list of clergy and lay leaders with "Safe Space" (or similar) training to be available for conversation/connection throughout the LA Conference
- Host regional in-person gatherings to build community support of the LGBTQIA+ people both within the UMC and in our towns/cities/parishes

We consider this holy work to be extremely important to the furthering of God's kingdom among us, but we recognize this is simply a piece of the greater healing and reconciliation that is sought by many of our siblings across the LA Conference.

Jessica Trahan, Chair

REPORTS RELATED TO CONNECTED MINISTRIES:

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION OF LOUISIANA

Purpose: The United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana was established in 1975 for the purpose set forth in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*:

- To promote planned giving programs on behalf of local churches and conferences; and
- To invest and administer funds in a manner consistent with the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.

Planned Giving. The Foundation has helped hundreds of donors establish planned gifts throughout its 48 years. These gifts are worth \$45 million and will support the future of Methodist churches and ministries in perpetuity. In 2023, donors gave \$138,500 to create new charitable gift annuities and endowments to benefit United Methodist churches and agencies. Payouts made to Charitable Gift Annuitants and Trust holders were \$310,753, while distributions to churches from endowed gifts totaled \$986,403.

Grants. Giving to others is a priority for the Foundation, and the organization models that effort by awarding grants to various Methodist-related ministries throughout the year. In 1992, the Foundation approved its first grant for \$2,500 to Cornerstone United Methodist Church in New Orleans. Since then, the Foundation has awarded approximately \$8 million in grants to United Methodist ministries. In 2023, the Foundation allocated \$288,360 to funding grants, with the largest portion allocated for clergy leadership development.

Loans. Another mechanism for helping the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church is through church loans. The Foundation offered its first church loan to First United Methodist Church of Slidell in 1993 in the amount of \$357,000. At the end of 2023, the Foundation had over \$506 million on loan to 27 churches and other United Methodist ministries within the Louisiana Conference. Foundation loans offer competitive interest rates and do not charge points, origination fees or appraisal fees.

Seminary Scholarships. Since it began in 2000, the Foundation's Seminary Service Loan program has helped fund seminary costs for more than 100 pastors in the Louisiana Conference. The Foundation funds a significant portion of these pastors' theological training through a grant/loan that is repaid by serving at least five years in the Conference. To date, the Foundation has provided nearly \$1.4 million in seminary service loans.

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LOUISIANA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

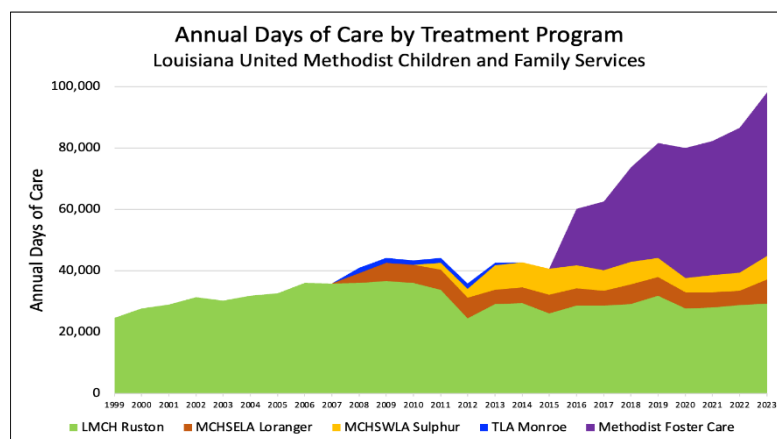
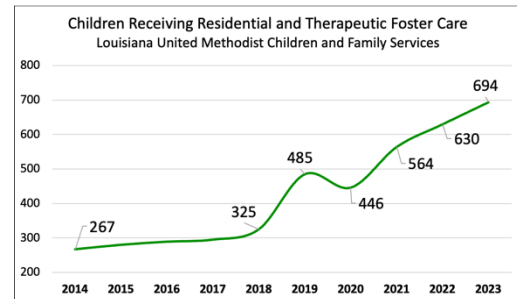
More Care to More Children in More Places Than Ever Before!

Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services cared for more children in 2023 than in any previous year. Providing Louisiana's most intensive residential and therapeutic foster care, we pursue our mission: We guide children and families home to experience God's love by following the teachings of Christ.

More than 550 staff members are focused on serving Louisiana's children, families, and communities. In 2023, we continued developing and expanding services, making 2023 another successful year.

In addition to caring for 694 children, 64 more than in 2022, we provided 11,534 more days of care in 2023. In 2023, LUMCFS provided 98,102 days of care to 694 children, with an average length of care from admission to discharge of 141 days.

We continue growing Methodist Foster Care, which in 2023 cared for more children than received care in our three children's homes combined. Methodist Foster Care has more than doubled our ability to meet the needs of Louisiana's children requiring intensive out-of-home care. The chart below shows the continued growth of Methodist Foster Care in purple. While the number of physical beds limits the growth of residential services, therapeutic foster care services are not limited by the number of buildings available. Because we actively recruit, train, certify, and support therapeutic foster care families, we may continue increasing the number of children who receive our care.



In addition to increasing the number of children in care, Methodist Foster Care provides three services: 1) Therapeutic Foster Care, 2) a Kinship Navigator program to help relatives care for children in foster care, and the statewide 3) Foster Care Support Organization that supports all of Louisiana's foster homes.

Our Supporters

Charitable contributions allow us to provide services and enhance care in ways other organizations cannot. For

example, our Pastoral Care Department is fully funded by donations, and nearly half of our educational expenditures are funded by donated dollars. Contributions enabled Howard School on the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home campus to earn the remarkable distinction of being named an *Exemplar* Alternative School by the Louisiana Department of Education, making Howard School a model for all schools.

The number of individual donors in 2023 declined to 1,765 from a five-year high of 2,230 in 2019. We believe two factors account for the decline – the COVID-19 pandemic and a smaller Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Despite the reduction in donors, an increase in the average gift amount from \$329 in 2019 to \$496.45 in 2023 increased the total contributions to our annual operating campaign from \$1,305,472 to \$1,516,158, or 3.6% of the organization's 2023 operating budget.

While the recent decline in the number of donors may be explained, our long-term relationships and partnerships with United Methodist congregations and many other faith groups are examples of the effective work of the Church in meeting the needs of Louisiana's children and families. 2023 was an active year for our Local Church Representatives, who participated in events across Louisiana to share information about our ministry.

Methodist Aftercare Services

On January 1, 2023, we launched Methodist Aftercare Services, which assists families after a child returns home after receiving care by providing regular contact and connections to community resources. Methodist Aftercare Services staff members contact families the day after their child is discharged from residential care, two weeks post-discharge, and then monthly by routine, but more frequently if needed. In this way, we seek to ease children back into their communities. In 2023, its first year of operation, Methodist Aftercare Services engaged with over 80 families and made 586 direct support phone calls.

Louisiana Child Advocacy

The advocacy work we began in 2022 to inspire the creation of a Louisiana Office of Children's Ombudsman was successful. Beginning with an educational campaign promoting the benefits an Ombudsman would offer Louisiana's children and families, LUMCFS worked with the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families to draft a bill to create the Louisiana Office of Children's Ombudsman. In 2023, Louisiana opened the Office of Children's Ombudsman as an independent operation within the Legislative Auditor's Office. Today, the Louisiana Office of Children's Ombudsman actively assists children and families by gathering feedback, reporting findings, or offering suggestions for improving public services for Louisiana's children.

We created www.LouisianaChildAdvocacy.com as the online home of our child advocacy work. The website provides a broad perspective on the conditions of Louisiana's children and families. You may also join an email list to receive actionable information about ways you can help improve Louisiana for children.

LUMCFS is a Statewide Ministry with an Unending Mission

With three children's home campuses in north, southwest, and southeast Louisiana, 150 children in therapeutic foster homes throughout the state, and community-based services in every region, Louisiana United Methodist Children and Families Services is a statewide ministry. Focused only on the pursuit of a transcendent Mission, we guide children and families home to experience God's love by following the teaching of Christ.

We do not work alone but require the assistance of like-minded individuals and groups throughout the state. With the well-being of Louisiana's children ranked 49th in the nation for 35 years, there is plenty of work for all of us!

Three Ways You Can Help Care for Louisiana's Children

Support Methodist Foster Care: Louisiana's children in foster care require more foster homes than are available. If you believe that foster care could be your personal ministry to Louisiana's children, please visit www.RecruitFosterCare.com.

Refer Potential Staff Members: Our work requires the best-hearted people. We seek exceptional individuals to join our team and help us care for Louisiana's vulnerable children and families. Consider employment opportunities at www.WorkForMethodist.com.

Invest in Our Effective Ministries: Financial support makes the impossible possible. Donations make the ordinary extraordinary. Since 1902, LUMCFS has effectively and directly ministered to Louisiana's neediest children and families. *Your* donations help us care for them. Learn how you can help us continue the relentless pursuit of our Mission at www.LUMCFS.org.

LUMCFS Pursues Its Mission

We do everything for one purpose – the faithful pursuit of our Mission: ***We guide children and families home to experience God's love by following the teachings of Christ.***

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Wheat
President and CEO
Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, Inc.

MACDONELL UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.

MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services continues its mission of providing a safe haven for youth and young adults as well as offering healing ministries including both clinical and spiritual care.

Accomplishments and celebration of work completed during 2023-24

- MacDonell completed our one-year anniversary as a Qualified residential Treatment Program, during that time we:
 - Cared for 21 residents 10 males 11 females
 - Ages 12 to 17
 - Assisted 2 residents with Educational attainment: 1 completed high school and 1 completed HiSet.
- MacDonell cared for 10 residents in the Extended Foster Care Program
 - 6 males, 4 females
 - Ages 17 to 19, 3 – 17 yo, 5 – 18 yo, & 2 – 19 yo
 - Assisted 2 residents to complete HiSET and 1 resident to graduate high school.
- MacDonell partnered with two other local non-profits to host the first annual Louisiana Berry Festival, as a fundraising effort.
- Completed one year of providing Managed Services to Options for Independence.

Goals that are a priority for the upcoming year 2023-24

- MacDonell is currently planning for the 2nd Annual Louisiana Blackberry Festival as the main presenting non-profit as our main fundraising activity.
- MacDonell has initiated a transfer of assets of Options to MacDonell, and will continue to transition to a full merger of the organizations.
- Increase community giving; pursue alternative and additional fundraising opportunities.

Concerns and challenges facing board or agency:

MacDonell continues to adjust and respond to changes at the administrative level within the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services new leadership. Continue to have difficulty maintaining appropriate staffing levels, fundraising continues to be difficult in the current economic climate in our regions. We continue to repair damages such as Fences, Trees and other yard repairs not covered by insurance.

Items for action/vote by the Annual Conference

Continued prayers and support from the Churches of the Louisiana Annual Conference are appreciated.

Kevin Champagne
Executive Director
MacDonell Methodist Children's Services

THE WESLEY CENTER

The Wesley Center is the Spiritual Retreat and Conference Center for the United Methodist Church in Louisiana. We are committed to supporting the mission of local congregations to equip and empower people to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We partner with various ministries throughout Louisiana, in an effort to create and sustain vital congregations, by providing a place set apart, where they can meet away from the busyness of life, sequestered from the distractions of the world. Our welcoming atmosphere with affordable lodging, effective meeting rooms, quality meals, spaces for reflection, and a supportive staff, offer churches a place where they can work to:

- Empower and equip lay and clergy leadership
- Engage disciples in mission and outreach
- Nurture small groups
- Build strong youth ministries

We had an increase in reservations that surpassed our pre COVID records. In addition to the many groups that returned to the Wesley Center, we hosted several new organizations. The most notable new event was the Joni and Friends Family Retreat. Joni and Friends is a Christian organization whose mission is to glorify God as they communicate the gospel and mobilize the church to evangelize, disciple, and serve people living with disability.

Approximately 200 volunteers and participants attended the 5 day/4 night event in June. They enjoyed bible study, swimming, zip lining, horseback riding, hiking, and more. All of this while learning that through all of their challenges and suffering, they are loved beyond measure. Joni and Friend will be returning in 2024 and will be holding two weeks of Family Retreats.

The Evan's Eden Bunkhouse has become a popular option for churches and other organizations alike. It's perfect for smaller groups who want a more intimate experience and the added sleeping capacity has made it possible for the Wesley Center to host larger groups. For 2024, the Bunkhouse will be used every week during June and July in addition to other times throughout the year.

The FUSION youth event ministry expanded in 2023 with the Refresh, Jr High, Sr High, and Confirmation Retreats and was supported through grant funding from the Board of Discipleship and CFA. We are grateful for the support and continue to plan for future FUSION events.

The Wesley Center has been led by Executive Director, Roseanne Borland, and Assistant Director, Chance Lawrence for more than 15 years. Under their leadership, remarkable improvements to the Center's offerings have been made, including the completion of the Decolores Center, Oden Pavilion, challenge course and zip line, pool, prayer labyrinth, broadband internet, campuswide wifi, rv hookups, 44 bed bunkhouse, new mattresses, flooring replacements, lighting upgrades, sound equipment, security gate, trail system and more. It's these accomplishments that we celebrate as this chapter for Roseanne and Chance comes to a close in April 2024. Both are seeking new life endeavors and will be missed, but we know that "for everything there is a season" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Though the future of Wesley Center's ministry looks bright, we know that there will be real challenges. We will be working hard to develop a strategy to address financial issues caused by the changing landscape of the Louisiana Conference. We ask for your prayers.

We invite you back to our Holy Place, set aside for God's mission in Louisiana. We are grateful for the continued support of the Annual Conference through apportionments and are praying for all of you, our local churches and our leaders. God's mission will continue!

Howard Hines
President, Wesley Center Board of Trustees

CAMP CANEY

Camp Caney remains a cornerstone of spiritual development and community engagement within the Louisiana Annual Conference's network of United Methodist camping ministries. Our unwavering mission continues to connect individuals to God through immersive camping experiences, set against the tranquil backdrop of God's creation in North Louisiana.

In 2023, Camp Caney was vibrant with activities and engagement, hosting 23 varied retreats that included Charis retreats for boys and girls, Chrysalis retreats, and gatherings for family groups, church or religious groups, and Greek life retreats. Throughout these retreats, we welcomed a total of 1510 retreaters. Additionally, the camp organized four successful camps, nurturing community and growth among 104 Pre-Campers, 89 Elementary Campers, 65 Jr/Sr High Campers, and 32 participants in the Christian Community Experience Camp. Don't miss our FOUR 2024 Summer Camps (below). We want to see YOU there!

Pre-Camp I: May 31st-June 2nd (grades 2-4) **1st graders may attend pre-camp with a parent.**

Pre-Camp II: June 7-9th (grades 2-4) **1st graders may attend pre-camp with a parent.**

Elementary: June 10-14th (grades 4-6) **6th grade eligible to attend Elementary and Jr/S. High sessions.**

Jr./Sr. High June 17-21st (grades 6-12) **6th grade eligible to attend Elementary and Jr/S. High sessions.**

Camp Caney has maintained strong partnerships with local church groups and individuals in the Shreveport and Monroe Districts, undertaking substantial projects that have greatly enhanced our facilities. This year, we achieved a significant milestone by recovering and redecking the entire dock and swim area—a huge accomplishment that has revitalized this beloved part of our camp. Additionally, we made significant progress in remodeling Cabin 2 and Cabin 8, and we advanced our efforts in dirt work and erosion control. These improvements could not have been achieved without the dedicated Methodists in North Louisiana, whose generosity with their time, energy, and resources continues to be invaluable. We are immensely grateful to all those who have contributed to these efforts, helping to sustain and enhance the camp's environment and infrastructure.

For the third year, we conducted our annual fundraising letter campaign, which continued to show promising results, garnering \$33,655.17 in total donations. This year, we welcomed 20 one-time givers, 6 monthly givers, and 1 quarterly giver, including 3 new contributors to our cause. This ongoing support underscores the valuable relationships forged at our camps and retreats, the profound spiritual growth nurtured here, and the commitment of our volunteers. These dedicated individuals, ranging from those who help maintain and enhance our facilities to those serving as camping and retreat volunteers, are the backbone of our community. While we remain in need of ongoing support from the LA Annual Conference, local churches, and individuals, we are deeply appreciative of the contributions that continue to empower the mission of Camp Caney and the United Methodist Church. We encourage church groups in North LA to call our Facilities Manager to set up a group mission project. It's a joy to host groups who want to go to work for a worthy cause!

2023 also marked a significant organizational change at Camp Caney. The burdensome load once carried by a single Camp Director or Manager was thoughtfully redistributed into three distinct roles, improving both focus and management effectiveness. These positions include a Seasonal Summer Camp Director, a full-time, year-round Camp Facilities Manager who resides on campus, and a part-time, year-round Camp Retreat and Event Coordinator. This strategic realignment has enabled more dedicated oversight and enhanced operational efficiency across our camp activities and facilities.

The Caney Board of Trustees remained actively engaged in ensuring the camp's safety and effective governance. Initiatives this past year included the implementation of a comprehensive Camp Emergency Plan and Safe Sanctuaries Policy to ensure the protection of children, youth, and vulnerable populations. These policies have been implemented for all retreats, events, and camping opportunities to ensure the safety of all those who enjoy Caney's campus.

As we look to the future, Camp Caney is focused on deepening the spiritual and communal bonds that have been a hallmark of our success. The support from the LA Annual Conference, local churches, and dedicated individual supporters continues to be instrumental in our mission. With a reinvigorated staff and supportive community, we are excited for what 2024 holds and look forward to another year of meaningful engagement and spiritual growth at Camp Caney.

CAMP ISTROUMA

Camp Istrouma had another great year. 2023 was our second biggest summer in our history. We had nine weeks of summer camp and served 1,362 campers. We had around 300 campers make spiritual decisions while at camp. This summer we are on track to have the same number of campers if not more. We are also excited to have a curriculum designed for us and written by a couple of our local UMC pastors/youth pastors. We were able to build an Infirmary thanks to the help of the United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries grant, and we were able to do some remodeling of our oldest building Wilkes Hall.

During non-summer camp season, we provide a space for groups to come together, unplug, and be in God's creation. Camp Istrouma had the opportunity to host 62 Retreat/Event Groups, totaling around 4,975 guests. We offer everything from church/youth retreats, corporate events, school field trips, and weddings. With every group we serve, we get the opportunity to pour into them, show them God's love through our actions and service.

With summer camp and our retreat season growing to a point where we are maxed out, our biggest goal that we are focusing on is growing the camp physically. Our first step would be to add two more cabins, then a new activity/conference center, and lastly build two more cabins with upgrades to our kitchen. This will be a big expansion for Camp Istrouma and will be a process that takes years to fully complete. However, none of this will be possible without the support of campers, churches, and the Louisiana Conference. We are currently getting everything together to fully launch our capital campaign and waiting for approval from the CFA.

The biggest challenge Camp Istrouma faces is the huge decline in United Methodist Church participation. For years now we have seen a steady decline in our numbers with United Methodist participation but have a steady increase in camp and retreat numbers. Out of our 1,362 campers last summer only 102 of them (7%) came from United Methodist Churches. Out of our 62 retreat groups, only 4 of those were from United Methodist Churches. We want to partner with our United Methodist Churches and be an asset with faith formation and developing disciples especially regarding youth. We are going to keep working on rebuilding a working relationship between the United Methodist Churches in the Louisiana Conference and all the camp ministries. We also want to be a useful tool in building up the youth programs in the UMC.

Cody Hanken, Executive Director

CAMP USKICHITTO

A few notable events occurred in 2023. We experienced a spike in retreats from 11 groups in '22 to 18 groups in '23. Our Summer camp numbers have dropped from 155 campers in '22 to 80 campers in '23.

The goals for camp in 2024 are humble, but also deliberate and focused. For summer 2024, camp seeks to increase registrations to 120 campers from last summer's number of 80. We've partnered with Angel Tree Camping, a ministry that sends children with incarcerated family members to Christian summer camps. We hope to see 20 retreat groups in 2024..

The septic system on the south side of our campus has been overhauled in 2023. Though not completed in 2023, work began in March of 2023 and looks to end in March of 2024.

We celebrate the progress we have made by the grace of God. We also celebrate the 24 campers that made first-time professions of faith during the summer of 2023.. Our camper numbers being cut in half is heart-breaking. We hope for their return.

Sincerely,
Craig Thibodeaux
Camp Director

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

- Some of our Accomplishments and celebrations of work include:

Hosting 41 Short-Term Volunteers: We were fortunate to welcome 41 dedicated individuals who generously donated over 1,600 hours of their time. The value of their service was estimated at \$50,316. These volunteers played an invaluable role in our organization.

Assisted 10 homeowners with Housing Rehabilitation/Repair Projects: Our commitment to improving living conditions and providing safe, stable housing continued in 2023. We were able to assist these homeowners with much-needed rehabilitation and repair projects, ensuring their homes remain safe and comfortable.

Providing Food Assistance for Families: Our emergency food bank program continued to be a beacon of hope for those facing food insecurity. In 2023, we provided food assistance to 207 families, ensuring they had access to essential nourishment during challenging times.

Our monthly Bible Study have brought people together: To come hear the word of our Lord, whether U.M.W, Catholic, Baptist or another religion, we all come together to hear the Gospel.

Or Vacation Bible Study (VBS) held in July: We are excited to host the VBS again this year. We had 22 children in attendance. The final day we were able to give each child a school bag filled with school supplies.

- Measurable goals for the coming year and how they contribute to our preferred future.

We will extend an invitation to Volunteers in Mission (VIM) group to Dulac, who partnered with us in the past to come back, and to those who have not been to Dulac we will invite them throughout quarterly newsletter. We serve by inviting others into the work and prayer of our Mission. We are surrounded by evidence that people yearn to come together to make a difference in the community's need. Concerns and challenges facing our work/ministry area:

When we see a need, we respond with the person/persons affected and with the needs of the community that are in turmoil.

- Concerns and challenges facing our work/ministry area:

Our target outcome is to explore ways to improve our current programs and services so that we can build on the history before us to continue to meet the changing needs of our community. We seek to improve upon the foundation of food security, teaching the gospel, and serve families and children by giving them what they are lacking.

- Items for action/vote by the Annual Conference

The largest obstacle has become financial resources, but the staff and I are dedicated to trying and sourcing funding to continue to help the community. We apply for grants and have fundraisers. The largest source of income from any program or service is our VIM program in which individual volunteers pay a fee of \$250/week. Many of the VIM groups have not returned to the DCC since Covid.

Mary Billiot
Executive Director
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NORTH RAMPART COMMUNITY CENTER

No report available

METHODIST HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION

As Methodist Health System Foundation (MHSF) enters its twentieth year as a health legacy foundation, we have expanded our focus on mental health services. The National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that one in five U.S. adults experience mental illness and 17% of youth (age 6-17 years) experience a mental health disorder. The 2022 Louisiana Report Card notes that over 181,000 Louisiana adults are receiving outpatient mental health services, 51,000 are receiving inpatient mental health services at a psychiatric facility and over 35,000 are receiving substance use outpatient services.

MHSF invested time learning about the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) program which provides funding for integrated mental health and substance use services. We started conversations with local healthcare providers and initiated discussions with Louisiana Department of Health personnel and other healthcare nonprofits to ultimately create a "turnkey" certification program for the State to certify CCBHC programs and a path to sustainability via Medicaid reimbursement.

MHSF supports programs that offer mental health services in several settings – schools, after school programs for at-risk students and screening for mental health disorders at a children's hospital. We also support organizations that provide services to veterans with traumatic brain injuries and individuals with disabilities with emphasis on mental and behavioral health services. We have established several endowed scholarships in counseling at local universities to support the increased need for licensed mental health clinicians.

In the past year, MHSF deployed over \$1.4 million in strategic grants to nonprofits in the Greater New Orleans area. We continue to expand our investments to address social determinants of health. We welcomed several new partners – a nonprofit that addresses the physical and emotional needs of people living with disabilities, the majority of whom struggle to make ends meet – and a "purpose built" community that pairs affordable housing with education, healthcare and wraparound services to reduce poverty and improve life outcomes. We continue to invest in healthcare education – we endowed a nursing scholarship at a historically black community university and increased our investment in an endowed counseling scholarship program at another local university.

MHSF's School-Based Health Centers at Chalmette High School, C. F. Rowley Alternative School and Nunez Community College continue to serve students and faculty in St. Bernard Parish. Offering both physical healthcare and mental health services, we had over 10,000 visits last year. Over 88% of our patients are either uninsured or have Medicaid. We know many would not seek physical or mental healthcare were it not for our Health Centers.

As we commence our twentieth year, we reflect on how best to address the current mental health crisis and continue to serve our community. Thank you for your guidance and support of the Foundation's mission.

Sincerest regards,
Patrick E. Mottram, MD, Chairman
Wendy M. Beron, President & CEO

UMCOR SAGER BROWN

Accomplishments and celebration of your work that contributed significantly to: Leading others into an abundant life in Christ; engaging communities, locally and globally; learning, living & telling the Gospel story; and reaching out and drawing people in from all walks of life resulting in vibrant, alive, and vital congregations:

- a. Response to domestic disaster (Cleaning buckets, hygiene kits, school kits and menstrual hygiene kits)
 - i. Flooding in Missouri, Texas, New York, Hawaii, and California
 - ii. Hurricanes in Florida
 - iii. Tornadoes in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee
 - iv. Wildfires in Indiana, Washington, Hawaii, and California
 - v. Native American reservations in Oklahoma, Minnesota, and South Dakota
 - vi. Community outreach in Louisiana, Florida, Ohio, Washington, Alabama, New York, Tennessee, Maryland, and Texas
 - vii. Border shelters for asylum seekers in Arizona, and Texas
- b. Approximately \$1 million dollars in relief supplies distributed during the year.

B. Measurable goals for the coming year and how they contribute to our preferred future:

- a. Strengthen current relief supplies network to assure efficient distribution of relief supplies.
- b. Expansion of community outreach programs for the community.

C. Concerns and challenges facing the agency:

- a. Informing the public that Sager Brown has reopened to short term mission volunteers.

D. Items for action/vote by the Annual Conference:

- a. Not applicable

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Fuselier

RETIRED MINISTERS' HOMES BOARD, INC.

The Retired Ministers' Homes Board, Inc. of the Louisiana Conference is a wonderful resource for our retired ministers and/or their widows that very few other Conferences have.

When ministers retire, they lose the care of a congregation and the provision of a parsonage. The goal of the Retired Ministers' Homes Board, Inc. is to help with that transition by providing comfortable, affordable housing at a low price (18 cents per square foot per month, which reflects an increase due to the rise in insurance rates in Louisiana). We currently have 28 houses to serve our retirees, and at this time, all 28 homes are occupied!! There are several major up-grades to several of the homes that need to be made, but we have been blessed with no major storms damaging any of the homes.

We are thankful for the generous donations from many of the congregations in our Conference, and we are always happy to have one of our Board members speak to your church about our work, including new Board member, Stuart Sherman serving the Shreveport District. We covet your prayers and donations to continue this important service for our Retired Ministers, many of who are still actively serving in churches – your support is greatly appreciated.

Melba H. Stine
Secretary/Treasurer

LOUISIANA INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE (LIC)

Executive Director: Leigh Rachal
To Live the Faith We Hold in Common

LIC Board members from the UMC LA Annual Conference:

- Bishop Delores Williamston, ex officio
- Rev. Dr. Van Stinson, LA Annual Conference Board Designate
- Rev. Joanne Pounds, Treasurer
- Mrs. Katrina King, Esq, Board member at large
- Mrs. Jessica Trahan, Board member at large

The **54th Annual Assembly of the LIC** was held on **March 12, 2024** in Baton Rouge, LA at University Presbyterian Church. We had a panel presentation regarding organ donation and the ways in which faith communities can encourage parishioners to donate. In addition, we received an update on the status of the death penalty in Louisiana. Unfortunately, the LA legislative bodies have passed new laws that expand the capacity for utilizing the death penalty in our state. UMC LA Annual Conference representatives present at the 2024 Annual Assembly were: the Rev. Dr. Van A. Stinson, Rev. JoAnne Pounds, Mrs. Katrina King, Esq., and Mrs. Jessica Trahan.

The **LIC 2024 Fall Board Retreat** will be held on **Sept 23-25, 2024**. This retreat will be an opportunity for judicatory leaders and LIC board members to fellowship and provide support to one another, across ecumenical lines.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** occurs annually **January 18-25**. We encourage you to start now to plan events for your area for 2025. Additional resources and liturgy will be distributed by LIC as the 2025 dates approach. Sign up for LIC email updates or follow LIC on Facebook to receive the notifications.

LIC is currently **seeking a Regional Coordinator for the Houma-Thibodaux region**. The regional coordinator serves on the executive board and facilitates regional information sharing and ecumenical gatherings. This region includes the parishes of: St. Mary, Assumption, St. James, Terrebonne, and Lafourche. If you are interested in more information about this position, please contact Leigh Rachal at director@lainterchurch.org.

Formed in 1970, and today composed of 15 Christian Denominations, the LIC seeks greater Christian unity through sharing a common faith in witness, worship, study, and service. Largely funded by the member churches, we are grateful for the support of the Louisiana Conference of the UMC and its commitment to ecumenical relationships that keep before the churches Christ's vision of unity.

Visit us on the web at: www.lainterchurch.org or <https://www.facebook.com/lainterchurch>

REPORTS RELATED TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

CENTENARY COLLEGE

We celebrate our connection to the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church as we work together to raise wise, caring, moral leaders for the 21st Century. Our commitment to the values of United Methodism remains strong as we develop and empower leaders to transform the world through the experiences of a quality education, meaningful and transformative internships and service to the world, and intentional connections of purpose, passion, and profession.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Centenary continues to be recognized by the media in multiple national rankings. In August 2023, the *Princeton Review* named Centenary as a “Best College” for the South region, and *U.S. News & World Report* included the College in its list of Top National Liberal Arts Colleges. Centenary also ranks #47 out of more than 200 institutions on *U.S. News’s* “Top Performers in Social Mobility” list. Centenary ranks #1 among baccalaureate colleges for the number of undergraduates studying abroad, according to the *Open Doors Report* compiled by the Institute of International Education.

Centenary remains a vibrant and welcoming community, dedicated to giving our students an outstanding liberal arts education. *Centenary Magazine* and other publications have thorough coverage of events, celebrations, and accomplishments:

Centenary Magazine - www.centenarymagazine.com/

*The magazine has been published in a virtual format since fall 2020.

News Releases - www.centenary.edu/news-media/

Maroon & White Donor Newsletter – centenary.edu/giving/maroon-white

Christian Leadership Center (CLC)

In 2023-24, CLC students studied the themes of “Christian Ethics” and “Christian Advocacy”. Students used two textbooks: “*Introducing Christian Advocacy*” by Scott B. Rae and “*The Time is Now A Call to UnCommon Courage*” by Joan Chittister to guide their discussions throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. The goal of CLC is help students grow in their Christian faith while also developing leadership skills. Students also earn academic credit for successfully completing CLC each semester.

As a regular requirement of their Christian Leadership Center (CLC) coursework, students participate in weekly small groups, called “Temenos Groups” led by local clergy and community lay leaders. Temenos Group leaders in 2023-24 academic year included Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph; Rev. Wybra Price; Rev. Megan Stuermann, Rev. Megan Twyman, Mrs. Britney Winn Lee, Rev. Maddie Russo and Rev. Dawn Young.

We are grateful to our community volunteers who are serving on the CLC Board of Advisors: Rev. Mark Bray; Abigail Dillard; Rev. Andy Goff; Mr. Scott Hughes; Rev. Alston Johnson; Mrs. Judy Price; Mrs. Valerie Robideaux and Mrs. Marty Vaughan. The CLC Advisory Board is discussing ways grow enrollment in CLC by recruiting students to the program and by seeking ways to sustain the program financially for the future.

New exciting vocational discernment elements were introduced to CLC in 2023-24 with the introduction of Certification Pathways that allow CLC students to specialize in various vocational and ministry paths while in CLC such as Interfaith Outreach, Theological Studies, Religious Education and/or Non-Profit Leadership. To earn certifications in these pathways, students will add specific coursework and internship hours in those specialized fields to their CLC experience thereby increasing their preparedness for ministries of their choice upon graduation. These pathways will connect students, faculty and staff

throughout the college as well as those in the community to prepare students for bold futures of vitality and service.

Religious Life & Religious Studies

Centenary is grateful for the Louisiana Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry's support for religious life on campus. During the first week of fall semester, Centenary invites local churches to meet Centenary College students through "Campus Connection" so that students may connect with local churches so that they may worship there during the school year. During the 2023 event, we had 10 religious life organizations represented including 3 campus ministry groups and 7 local churches. United Methodist Churches who participated were Asbury UMC – First UMC, Bossier.

Centenary College utilized its campus ministry grant funds to provide weekly chapel services on campus in 2023-24. Chapel services were offered every Tuesday during the time period that is reserved for convocations at 11:10 a.m. Services were in-person, recorded and posted on our chapel website at www.centenary.edu/student-life/student-activities/religious-life/student-ministries. The Chaplain's office works with student volunteers in leading chapel services so that they may gain experience in leading worship services. There were 25 chapel services throughout the academic year led by campus ministry groups, CLC, student organizations and sports teams, faculty and staff.

During the 2023-24 academic year, Centenary hosted 4 campus ministry groups on campus. On average, each group met once a week equaling more than 150 campus ministry meetings throughout the academic year.

After the retirement of longtime faculty member Dr. David Otto Cowles in May, 2023, Centenary College remains committed to offering a robust Religious Studies program. During the 2024 Spring semester Rev. Dr. Wybra Price taught Introduction to Christian Literature and PhD candidate & Centenary CLC alumnus Kellen Klaus taught Introduction to World Religions. In the 2024 Fall semester, Centenary will offer Introduction to Christianity with Rev. Dr. Tom Dolph and Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Jana De Benedetti.

Centenary also continues to celebrate the clergy families of the Louisiana United Methodist Conference who have entrusted the College with the education of their students. We are proud to count among our students a number of clergy dependents. Clergy dependents are eligible for up to \$5,000 in annual Methodist grant funds.

Centenary president Dr. Christopher L. Holoman continues to serve on the board of directors of NAAMSCU (North American Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges and Universities, formerly NASCUMC), as well as the University Senate of the GBHEM. He was named to the Board of International Association of Methodists Schools, Colleges, and Universities (IAAMSCU) in 2023.

Globally Engaged Leaders

Centenary in Paris 2023 successfully travelled to Paris in August with 213 first-year students, plus 25 staff and faculty as part of its (optional) embedded college success program. Throughout the 2023-24 academic year, the College welcomed twenty (20) exchange students from France, Denmark, Fiji, Germany, India, Malaysia and Zimbabwe. Building on programming successes during 2022-23, the College continued virtual international student engagement opportunities but returned more fully to in-person international study, internships, service, and civic engagement. During the course of the 2023--24 academic year, 148 students participated in outbound international short-term study, internship, volunteer, or summer school programs in May/Summer 2023.

Archives

Centenary's Archives and Special Collections Department supports the Louisiana Conference's ministry of memory. Since 1963, the department has served as the official repository for the records of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Conference archivist, Mr. Chris Brown, continues to serve as a member of the United Methodist Church's General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH). He is secretary for the Archives and Library Committee and one of its representatives to the Executive Committee. In March 2023, Brown co-led two training workshops for Louisiana Conference church historians in the Lake Charles-Acadiana District.

During 2023, Centenary Archives staff and student workers used Louisiana UMC records to handle 269 research requests. The Archives acquired 145 collections (172.25 linear feet) of Louisiana UMC records and processed and created online finding aids for 40 collections (27.25 linear feet). Thanks to funding from the Louisiana Conference, two Centenary student workers were hired part-time to help process and catalog UMC material during the summer. The Archives continues to update its online map with locations and GPS coordinates of all current and former churches in the Louisiana Conference and its predecessor denominations; the map currently identifies 704 churches. For disaffiliating UMC congregations in Louisiana, the Archives continues to work with District Offices to collect churches' permanent records identified in recordkeeping guidelines provided by the GCAH as well as the South Central Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History.

VISION AND GOALS

As Centenary marks its 114th year in Shreveport this year and its bicentennial in 2025, we renew our commitment to be faithful stewards of the legacy entrusted to us by the United Methodist church, the Shreveport-Bossier community, and the Louisiana Annual Conference.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. We request the Louisiana United Methodist Conference's endorsement of the listed membership of the Centenary College Board of Trustees listed in the Conference Nomination Report
2. We appreciate the Louisiana United Methodist Conference's financial support through apportionments, scholarships and campus ministry funds. This generosity affirms the churches' dedication to higher education and to Centenary College of Louisiana.

Christopher L. Holoman, Ph.D.
President, Centenary College

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

Since Dillard University's founding as Straight and New Orleans University in 1869, our staff, faculty, students, board of trustees and friends have made New Orleans the home for people, especially African Americans, to become leaders who had faith, courage, strength and confidence to strive to make the world a better place. During the 2022-2023 academic year, our Dillard University community recommitted to activating on our commitment to excellence.

Our community of staff and faculty work tirelessly to build on our legacy of providing an excellent education and environment for students, and community to learn and become healthier, safer, and more innovative.

Since becoming the 8th president of Dillard University on July 01, 2022, I have grown to value the word "communiversity," which was coined by Nick Harris, director of community and church relations, in 2006 following Hurricane Katrina. According to Harris, "Dillard was among the first in the Gentilly area to have power restored.

To support families who were slowing returning home, we began hosting meetings on campus to provide them with information and access to resources that they needed in order to rebuild their homes and the community." That outreach resulted in Dillard becoming known as a community university, which later evolved into the word "communiversity."

Eighteen years later, Dillard University is steadfast in our commitment to live our mission of cultivating leaders who live ethically, think and communicate precisely and act courageously to make the world a better place. Our campus community of staff and faculty continue to work tirelessly to build on our legacy of providing an excellent education, as well as an environment for students and our neighbors to learn, become healthier, safer and more innovative.

As we move forward, we rely on the teachings and leadership of those who set us on this path to becoming a communiversity. As such, we have begun focusing our attention on the DU3: facilities that withstand the forecast, fortifying our staff and faculty, and financing the future. We appreciate those who have made contributions of their time, talent, and treasure to make our mission possible by activating on our commitment to make these improvements. We are proud of how far we've come, and excited about where we are headed.

As the spring semester came to an end, we gathered to recognize colleagues for their outstanding contributions campus wide. Their commitment and tenacity set the bar for each of us. They are:

- Our painters Alvin Breaux and Agin Saboor, who made Dent Hall, home of Dillard Athletics, more vibrant.
- Mary Clementin, "Miss Cat," who retired this year, following 26 years of dedicated service under five presidents, and two interims.
- Angie Wu, who manages our fixed asset accounting.
- Chief Angela Honora, who, in addition to keeping the campus safe, often prepares homemade and grilled dishes for our students.
- Geralyn Love, who for the past sixteen years has managed our communications and marketing department, ensuring continuity and adherence to our brand.
- Rodney Peters, who is a jack-of-all-trades in our facilities department. Mr. Peters identified a \$20 solution to what consultants quoted to be a \$10,000 repair.
- Cortheal Clark, who leads our humanities school within the College of Arts and Sciences and has orchestrated many of university's major events.
- Lovell Agwaramgbo, who leads our School of STEM and has served as leader of our Faculty Academic Senate.
- Nick Harris, who, as director of community and church relations, coined the term "communiversity," which frames our new vision for Dillard University.
- Kathy Taylor, who has served as an executive communications professional for three presidents and two interim presidents and provided continuity throughout as the secretary to the board of trustees. These individuals are illustrations of the great work of our internal team.

I am still in awe by the way New Orleans welcomes our students and employees and invests in Dillard. The Urban League Luncheon was my first event as president, and now we are collaborating through the Southern Communities Initiative in partnership with the Student Freedom Initiative, both established by Venture Capitalist and Philanthropist, Robert Smith.

My second event was the Essence Festival of Culture (EFOC), which led to a strong relationship with the organization, starting with my working with state government officials on the festival's economic impact on Louisiana. During my first Mardi Gras, I rode in the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale parade on the Coca-Cola / Coke United float with the Essence team. Finally, Dillard was honored to welcome Essence Ventures CEO, Carolina Wanga as our 2023 commencement speaker. Thanks to our relationship with Essence, more than 40 students interned or volunteered during the 2023 Essence Festival of Culture. Additionally, as a new member of the United Way of SE Louisiana board, and as the new chair of the GNO, Inc. Higher Education Council, I am anxious to help Dillard engage more in advancing greater New Orleans.

As the new leadership team and I immersed ourselves in the history of Dillard, one thing I knew we had to prioritize was the relaunching of the historic Dillard University National Center for Black-Jewish Relations, initially founded by 4th president, Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook. The relaunched Center is committed to advancing the work of its precursor by developing new projects that build upon the teachings,

conversations, and relationships of the original. True to its mission of cultivating leaders who live ethically, think and communicate precisely, and act courageously to make the world a better place, Dillard is committed to establishing the Center as a space for dialogue, learning, and mutual understanding between Black and Jewish communities.

As you will read in this annual report, Dillard is making great strides to not only activate on our commitment to excellence and cultivating leaders, but also to become again the “communiversity” that advances healthy, safe and innovative communities.

With Gratitude, Faith and Strength,
Rochelle Larkin Ford, Ph.D., APR President and Professor

AFRICA UNIVERSITY REPORT

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.—Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)

Africa University greeted 2024 with bold faith and eager confidence because of the goodness of United Methodists who are faithful, generous, and enthusiastic about investing in changing lives and communities.

In 2023, sustained by the support of The United Methodist Church, Africa University:

- Provided more than \$2M in scholarships and financial aid grants to students who would otherwise fail to access higher education.
- Enrolled 2,219 young women and men from 26 African countries.
- Saw its alumni swell to more than 12,000 serving in 32 African countries, with the addition of 954 graduates in June.
- Launched its second new academic unit in less than a year—the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences—with a first cohort of 279 students.
- Developed new products, such as lozenges made from the indigenous *Zumbani* plant, and IT solutions to reduce food waste and make vital research findings more accessible to those who need the information.

Through faithfulness and generosity, the Louisiana Conference invested 78.30 percent of the asking to the Africa University Fund (AUF) apportionment in 2023. The unwavering engagement of United Methodists of the Louisiana Conference has helped Africa University to evolve into the cornerstone institution for The United Methodist Church’s mission of disciple-making for transformational impact in Africa and beyond.

As United Methodists fortify themselves for a vital and vibrant witness beyond the 2020 General Conference in 2024, and its outcomes, Africa University urges the members of the Louisiana Conference to:

- **Support Africa University’s effort to secure General Conference approval of Report #4.**
- **Endeavor to invest in the Africa University Fund at 100%, using the amount approved at the 2016 General Conference—\$9,368,872 million for the 2017-2020 quadrennium—as your goal.**
- **Help identify at least two (2) churches (keystone congregations) in your conference that will commit to provide second mile gifts of \$6,500 each or \$13,000 in total for annual scholarships for two undergraduate students. (This will help address any shortfall in giving to the Africa University Fund.)**

Thank you, Louisiana Conference, for your steadfast witness. Thank you for ensuring that Africa University continues to nurture and send forth ethical and effective leaders whose daily efforts increase food security, overall health, good governance, abundance, and peace in their communities.

Let us keep doing this important work together and may the God of peace be with you!

James H. Salley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, Africa University, and President/CEO of Africa University (Tennessee) Inc. Email: jsalley@africau.org Tel: (615) 340-7438 <https://support.africau.org>

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Your partnership, prayers, and support are a cherished gift as BUSTH seeks to serve the church and the world! In a year like 2023, BUSTH's commitments to equip transformational leaders for peace and justice are all the more necessary and significant. We are hopeful and vigilant in our continued partnership with you.

NEWS:

- Students: Our academic year 2023-24 entering class was among our most diverse, with 86 new students enrolling, 34% of whom are international students.
- Faculty: In September we welcomed visiting [faculty member](#) David Anderson Hooker, Visiting Associate Professor of Religion and Conflict Transformation. Two new faculty searches are underway—an Assistant Professor of Religion and Society and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Religion and Black Studies.
- Expanding Online Programming: BUSTH's first fully online master's degree—the Master of Religion and Public Leadership (MARPL)—continues to expand after welcoming its first students in fall 2022. MARPL seeks students who wish to be prepared for leadership roles that creatively engage the challenges of public life. Learn more at bu.edu/sth/marpl.
- Faculty Research: Associate Dean Cristian De La Rosa received a Lilly Parenting Grant for \$1.25 million. Our faculty members published more than 75 books, scholarly articles, op-eds, and book reviews during 2023. Many were interviewed by media publications for their work on academics and activism, fat liberation, caring for creation, responding to congregational trauma, and the spread of Christianity in Africa. Selected stories can be found at bu.edu/sth/research/faculty-research/.
- Scholarships: We continue to offer free tuition to UMC-registered candidates for ordained ministry and leadership fellowships that support students in ethnic, gender, and sexuality studies. New funds include the Research & Teaching Fund and Affirmation & Empowerment Fund. We have newly endowed funds for DEI, Theology & the Arts, and Doctor of Ministry.
- Accreditation and Curriculum: BUSTH received a renewed full and unqualified listing by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church. BUSTH is concluding a curriculum review for the MDiv and MTS programs which will launch in fall 2024.
- Online Lifelong Learning: BUSTH offers online courses for professional and spiritual enrichment of religious leaders. Recent offerings include “Sustaining Spirits while Empires Crumble” and “Preaching Mark with Different Voices.” To learn more, visit bu.edu/sth/oll.
- Development: Recent accomplishments include endowing the Faith and Ecological Justice Fund, and new funding for student scholarships and academic programs.

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE and COMPASSION:

- BUSTH's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion offers webinars on timely inclusion efforts, such as “[Increasing Participation of Students of Underrepresented Backgrounds](#).”
- This year's [Lowell Lecture](#) topics explore the role and responses of theological education for the challenges of today with lectures from Rev. Dr. Ted Smith (fall) and Dr. Keri Day (spring).
- Work continues to improve accessibility, sustainability, and responsible investing as written in our 2030 Strategic Plan. BUSTH is the first certified Green School at BU and is active in the Green Seminary Initiative.

With faith and gratitude,
G. Sujin Pak, Dean

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Since 1914, **Candler School of Theology at Emory University** has educated faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries throughout the world. An official seminary of The United Methodist Church, Candler holds true to the Wesleyan value of ecumenical openness, enthusiastically welcoming students from more than 40 denominations, with nearly half of Master of Divinity students coming from the Methodist family, including United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Wesleyan, Free Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, and others. Our student body reflects the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful, with an enrollment of 419 from 12 countries and 38 states, and 44% persons of color. This diversity is a blessing, enriching our life together and providing a "learning laboratory" for ministry in the 21st century—ministry that cultivates community across difference, welcomes all to contribute and belong, and embodies Christ's love in and among us.

Candler offers six degrees (Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Religion and Public Life, Master of Religious Leadership, Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry) and ten dual degrees, most of which are available in hybrid or online formats. Response to our new hybrid-format Master of Divinity, which launched in Fall 2023, has been strong: 65% of 2023's MDiv entering class chose the hybrid model, blending online classes and in-person intensives. Plus, around 20% of MDiv students participate in Candler's Teaching Parish program to earn contextual education credit as they serve as student pastors in local churches. Our proven DMin program—with a near 90% completion rate—is 90% online as well. These flexible options plus Candler's recognized academic excellence and hands-on learning opportunities are opening possibilities for even more people to follow God's call to ministry.

Reducing student debt through generous financial aid is a top priority for Candler. In 2023-2024, we are on track to award \$6.3 million in scholarship support, with 100% of MDiv students receiving aid. All MDiv students who are certified candidates for ordained ministry in the UMC receive full-tuition scholarships, and all MDiv, MTS, MRL, and ThM students receive a scholarship covering at least 50% of tuition. MDiv students also receive financial coaching and complete a financial literacy program to strengthen their budgeting skills and reduce debt. That knowledge will serve them—and the ministries they serve—well into the future.

Candler is growing in exciting directions as it creates avenues to bring high-quality theological education to a wider audience. It is a hub of Christian learning with multiple entry points. Those who aren't seeking an advanced degree can engage in learning through The Candler Foundry, our innovative program to make theological education accessible to the public through short courses, events, and related activities; the United Methodist Course of Study to educate licensed local pastors; the new Candler Center for Christian Leadership to refine business-related skills of United Methodist leaders; and La Mesa Academy, offering diplomas in pastoral leadership via a two-year hybrid program with courses in Spanish, English, and Korean.

One of the biggest news items of the year for Candler is the announcement that after nearly 18 years, Dean Jan Love will step down from Candler's deanship in the summer of 2024. Through Dean Love's transformational leadership, Candler has expanded to offer three new degrees, five new dual degrees, and more online and hybrid options, including the highly successful hybrid MDiv and DMin degrees. She has increased the diversity of Candler's faculty and student body, continued the school's tradition of world-class scholarship in hiring 75% of the current full-time faculty, and grown the number of endowed professorships. Her efforts have enhanced Candler's ability to fulfill its mission in a rapidly changing environment, and she leaves the school in a strong position. The next dean of Candler is expected to be named by early summer.

Candler depends upon your prayers, partnership, and support. Thank you for the countless ways you advance this essential ministry in the life of our denomination. We invite you to visit us online at candler.emory.edu.

—Office of Communications
Candler School of Theology, Emory University

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Duke Divinity School can attest to the work of God's Spirit to usher us into a season of hope and continued faithfulness to the mission and calling to serve the church, academy, and the world. In 2023, the Duke University president and provost appointed Dean Edgardo Colón-Emeric for a full five-year term. In his Opening Convocation sermon, he stated: "This year marks the 25th anniversary of my ordination in the United Methodist Church. This is the school that prepared me. Today, I give God thanks for still allowing me to serve as a minister of the gospel and I renew the vow I made when I was installed as dean. By the grace of God and en conjunto with you, I will uphold this school's 'commitment to God and the people of God, to the highest standards of academic excellence, and to this university.'"

In the next three years, we will celebrate a number of centennial milestones: Duke University and The Duke Endowment (2024), the 17th centennial of the Council of Nicaea (2025), and Duke Divinity School (2026). As a foretaste of those occasions to reflect and celebrate, we have had two important milestone celebrations in 2023. The Office of Black Church Studies (OBCS) commemorated its 50th anniversary, an occasion to rejoice in all that God has done through OBCS to bless our Duke Divinity community and to extend the gifts from the Black Church to the whole church. As just one example of the impact and influence from OBCS, the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale (D'79) received Duke University's Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions in ministry and service.

The Hispanic House of Studies (HHS) celebrated its quinceañera (15th anniversary), another opportunity to have our hope buoyed by God's work in our midst. HHS was created by the Divinity School, with support from The Duke Endowment, to support the formation of ministers to Hispanic/Latinx congregations and communities in the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Annual Conferences and beyond. These efforts are not confined to a limited silo but extend throughout our academic and ministerial programs. For instance, we now offer the "Rediscovering the Heart of Methodism" course in Spanish on Divinity+, an online resource that is widely available for ministers and congregations.

This fall, we welcomed 215 entering students from 35 different states as well as new community members who hold either primary or secondary citizenship in 16 other countries including Canada, Chile, China, Finland, Germany, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Russia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, and Zimbabwe. The Master of Divinity program gained 104 new students, with 54 residential students and 50 in the hybrid program. The Master of Arts in Christian Practice enrolled 13 new students; the Doctor of Ministry, 22; Master of Theology, 11; Master of Theological Studies, 29; the Doctor of Theology welcomed five new students to campus, and five special students enrolled. The Certificate in Theology and Health Care welcomed 11 residential students to campus and 15 in the hybrid program. Across all degree programs at the Divinity School, 31 percent of the incoming class identified as a race or ethnicity other than white. Black students made up 21 percent of all students; Latinx students, seven percent. Fifty-four percent of students in the incoming class identify as female. There were 25 denominations represented in the M.Div. entering class, with 26 percent affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Baptists made up 10 percent of the incoming students; Anglican or Episcopal students, 10 percent; and nondenominational students, 12 percent.

Duke Divinity School continues to invest in pathways to support Methodist leadership and pastoral formation. Divinity+ launched the Church Administration series focused on developing practical skills for church leaders. More than 1,000 learners have enrolled in the first two courses, "Theology and Time Management" and "Strategic Management." We inaugurated the Certificate in Chaplaincy, designed to prepare students to provide spiritual care in a variety of settings such as hospitals, hospice, prisons, higher education, and the military. The certificate can be earned as part of the residential M.Div., Th.M., and M.T.S. degree programs.

The school has also welcomed new leaders who bring their gifts to the work of advancing the mission to serve Christ and the church. Two houses have appointed new directors: the Office of Black Church Studies is led by the Rev. Dr. Eric Lewis Williams (D'05), assistant professor of theology and Black

Church Studies; and the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies has named the Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough (D'83), Jack and Barbara Bovender Professor of the Practice of Anglican Studies. Key members who have joined our staff team include Anita Lumpkin, executive director of enrollment management; and the Rev. Sarah Belles, a Duke Divinity alumna and ordained elder in full connection with the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, as the director of student life.

Several new programs demonstrate Duke's sustained commitment to connecting with churches and ministers. With gratitude to funding from the Lilly Endowment, the Divinity School has launched the Transformative Preaching Lab to prepare creative, culturally competent preachers who can reach audiences in effective and engaging ways. It will expand preaching training for students in the hybrid modality of the M.Div. program with new courses and preaching laboratories along with new capacities to explore and engage digital tools for community worship and preaching. The Transformative Preaching Lab also provides new opportunities for formation in trauma-informed preaching and preaching in immigrant communities, issues that are especially salient in communities across the country and around the world.

The Theology, Medicine, and Culture initiative has launched the Mental Health Track for Christian mental health practitioners as part of its Certificate in Theology and Health Care. This hybrid certificate program offers spiritual and theological formation for mental health clinicians in a range of disciplines. The research and programming from other Duke Divinity initiatives, including Theology, Medicine, and Culture; Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts; Leadership Education at Duke Divinity; and Thriving Rural Communities, continue to provide numerous opportunities to bear witness to God's creativity, compassion, and care for communities and congregations.

Duke Divinity School continues to be grateful for our ongoing participation in The United Methodist Church and partnership with this annual conference. We look forward to our ongoing work with you as we join the leading of God's Spirit in the task of preparing people for Christian ministry. To learn more about Duke Divinity School, please visit our website at www.divinity.duke.edu.

Respectfully submitted by Edgardo Colón-Emeric
Dean of Duke Divinity School

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Gammon Theological Seminary is the Interdenominational Theological Center's United Methodist constituent member in Atlanta, Georgia. The Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) is a Christian Africentric ecumenical consortium of seminaries and fellowships that educate students to commit to practicing justice and peace through a liberating and transforming spirituality to become leaders in the church and local/global communities. Gammon was founded in 1883, bearing the name of the Rev. Elijah H. Gammon, a generous clergyman, businessman, and philanthropist. Rev. Elijah H. Gammon invested and endowed the founding of Gammon Seminary in partnership with Bishop Henry Warren and the Freedman's Aid Society. Gammon has educated Black Clergy for almost 140 years, with graduates serving every level of the church, including Bishops, Superintendents, General church leaders, Conference staff, and Clergy in every jurisdiction. Gammon/ITC offers the following degree programs: the Master of Divinity, the Master of Arts in Religion and Education, and the Doctor of Ministry. The support given to The United Methodist Ministerial Education Fund by United Methodist Conferences continues to enable Gammon students to be grounded in the Wesleyan tradition of theological education.

Our 17th President/Dean, Rev. Dr. Candace M Lewis, and the Gammon staff team continue to lead innovatively in chartering a "Brand New Day" for Gammon's recruitment, retention, research and resources, fund development, and scholarship endowments in her first two years of service.

Our new initiatives and celebrations this year, 2023 – 2024, at Gammon, include:

- In May 2023, Gammon held our 1st Annual Student Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament, receiving \$70,000 in donations to assist students with their tuition, which also helped Gammon build more relationships and partnerships.
- In June 2023, The Rev. Walter H. McKelvey Endowed Scholarship Fund was launched by Dr. Loretta F. McKelvey (wife of the late Rev. McKelvey) and Dr. Walter Kimbrough with a \$50,000.00 matching gift in partnership with the South Carolina United Methodist Foundation.
- In June 2023, The Florida Conference raised and donated over \$ 60,000.00 to the Rev. Geraldine McClellan Endowed Scholarship Fund, which is now fully endowed by the Florida United Methodist Foundation.
- In July 2023 and December 2023, Gammon hosted the Ebony Exploration Event for 75 young adults under 35, increasing participation and forming strategic partnerships with external organizations to enhance the program's reach and impact.
- In December 2023, we celebrated our 140th Founders Day Event/Pastors and Leaders Conference, with over two hundred persons attending workshops (in person and virtual) and our Scholarship Gala Dinner, hosted at IMPACT Church in Atlanta, GA.

The greatest challenge facing Gammon Seminary is the rising cost of theological education and the significant debt our students incur as they answer their call to full-time ministry. Therefore, Gammon is committed to raising a million dollars in the next two years to offer full-tuition scholarships to students called and committed to full-time ministry in the United Methodist Church. We are grateful to this Annual Conference for your support of theological education and your commitment to ensuring pastoral leadership is theologically trained to lead us forward in the Wesleyan tradition.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dr. Candace M. Lewis, President-Dean

GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

For 170 years Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary has been in service to the Church and the Wesleyan/Methodist connection through the formation of Christian leaders in ordained and lay ministries. As the result of a new strategic planning process that seeks to position the seminary more fully and purposefully in service to the global church, Garrett adopted a new mission and vision that will focus our work to this end: *Forming courageous leaders in the way of Jesus to cultivate communities of justice, compassion, and hope...for the thriving of the Church and the healing of the world.*

During this past academic year, Garrett also welcomed its largest entering class in over a decade, with 124 new students, and a current enrollment of 314 students representing 37 states and 21 nations from across the globe. We have experienced particular growth in students from the African continent and the Indian subcontinent, adding to an already richly diverse student body. While our denominational diversity also continues to grow, we also proudly welcomed growth in our United Methodist students who constitute more than 50% of our student body.

Of particular importance in the past year has been the partnership we have entered into with Phillips School of Theology of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME). Phillips students are now also fully Garrett students and together we are preparing the next generation of CME leaders in a robust pan-Methodist/Wesleyan context alongside UMC, AME, and AMEZ students. Phillips President, Dr. Paul Brown, is now also affiliated with our faculty, teaching CME History, Doctrine, and Polity, as well as spiritual formation and organizational leadership courses. It is our hope and intention to continue to grow this partnership and foster a truly pan-Methodist/Wesleyan ethos which includes our growing global Methodist partners in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Additionally, last year, all Garrett degree programs were made truly hybrid so that students can study with us and earn their degrees either on our Evanston

campus or in virtual learning spaces around the globe. This has added an amazing breadth of experience and contexts to our classrooms, where we seek to address real-world challenges with gospel inspired solutions or responses.

Garrett's world-class faculty continue developing curricular innovations that are responsive to the church's growing needs, while also contributing a significant body of scholarly work to their respective fields. Our faculty are also at work developing The Garrett Collective, an online platform of theological learning and resources for churches and partner organizations inspired by our faculty's research and/or strategic partnerships. Finally, at this critical juncture in the history of United Methodism, faculty leaders are providing essential guidance to UMC students, while also continuing to envision with hope the next expression of Methodism that is responsive to the Spirit's call for such a time as this.

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ILIFF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

I am delighted that you are in relationship with the Iliff School of Theology! A Year in Review is a wonderful opportunity to report all the phenomenal and exciting things that are happening on campus and around the world. I truly hope you enjoy reading this publication.

This is a very special issue because it contains two years of fiscal reporting from Iliff. We want you, our donors and friends, to know that Iliff continues to embrace creativity as we innovate theological education for a rapidly changing world. FY22 was the year the world began to transition from pandemic realities to an endemic understanding of COVID. FY22 was the year we resumed our campus community life and restored welcome at our front doors.

Winter into Spring 2023, Dr. Tom Wolfe began the work of bringing closure to a very successful ten-year term as president of Iliff. This was also the time that Iliff conducted a national search for its next president. During the month of April, the Board of Trustees invited me to become Iliff's next president. The figurative gavel was passed from President Tom Wolfe to President Lee Butler in June 2023. To this office, I bring to Iliff more than 40 years of congregational ministry experience, 30 years of experience as a religious studies and theological educator, and 10 years of ecclesial and higher education administration experience. This published Year in Review report presents what has been and what will be in Iliff's future.

During July 2023, we began to reframe our diversity commitments resulting from the Supreme Court decision on race-based admissions. The diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) training sessions for all Iliffians, including the Board of Trustees, continued as an expression of our institutional commitment. Standing firm on our beliefs, we adapted and expanded our DEI work into justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI). To this reformation, I included a focus on belonging (JEDIB) as an important part of speaking Iliff's future.

From July through December, we engaged in activities to get better acquainted as we began the work of rearticulating our identity as Iliff. First and foremost, Iliff is a theological graduate school dedicated to radical inclusivity and leadership formation. My commitments to ecumenism, interculturality, and social justice allow me to have conversations and offer guidance across all areas of institutional life. As an expression of my commitments, I asked the Iliff family permission to expand the name of my faculty professorship to include our founder and financial benefactor, Elizabeth Iliff Warren, whose gift established the Iliff School of Theology. I participate in faculty conversations, therefore, as the Bishop Henry White Warren and Elizabeth Iliff Warren Professor of Africana Pastoral Theology.

By the close of FY23, I began to lay the foundations for our next five-year strategic plan. Leading the way in this initiative has been my declarations, "We Advocate Freedom!" Making this declaration tangible, I

have written regular statements as reflections on national intercultural emphases like National Hispanic Heritage Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Indigenous Peoples Day, just to name a few. Demonstrating my commitment to shared governance, I have invited everyone in Iliff to participate in helping to define our work and refine our message and programs that will invite a new generation of students and inspire a new generation of leaders who will act with justice, love with vulnerability, and walk with relationship as an essential value.

Enjoy this Year in Review and plan to visit campus to participate in our special events and activities.

<https://www.iliff.edu/2023-year-end-review/>

Rev. Dr. Lee Butler, Jr.
President, Iliff School of Theology

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE

Dear Esteemed Friends,

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I present to you this report from Lydia Patterson Institute (LPI). As we reflect on the past year, I am thrilled to share with you the progress and achievements we have accomplished together. Through your dedication and generosity, we continue with our ministry and overcome challenges, propelling us closer to our vision of providing quality education to all.

In this report, I will provide you with an overview of our recent accomplishments, and challenges we have faced. As we reflect on the past year, we are excited to share the strides we've made at LPI in enhancing our work areas. In the realm of academics, we have dedicated resources and attention to enriching our curriculum, fostering innovative teaching methodologies, and promoting a culture of lifelong learning among our students. Through initiatives such as teacher professional development programs and curriculum enhancements, we are ensuring that our students receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for career and college. Ensuring the safety and functionality of our facilities is a top priority at LPI. Over the past year, we have focused on enhancing our maintenance and security protocols, conducting regular inspections, and investing in necessary repairs and upgrades to create a safe and conducive learning environment for our students and staff.

We recognize the importance of providing comprehensive support services to address the diverse needs of our students. From counseling and nutritional support to extracurricular activities, we are committed to fostering the holistic development and well-being of every student in our school. Sound financial management is essential to the sustainability and growth of our organization. This past year, we have implemented robust financial controls, and streamlined budgeting processes. We believe transparency and accountability are paramount in maintaining the trust and confidence you have placed in us, and we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. Our development efforts have been focused on expanding our reach, forging strategic partnerships, and engaging with our supporters to garner the resources needed to further our mission. We are working to generate targeted fundraising campaigns, donor stewardship initiatives, and community outreach efforts.

We are strengthening our foundation and positioning ourselves for continued growth and impact. As we look ahead to the future, we remain committed to excellence in all areas of our work. We will continue to strive for academic excellence, maintain our facilities to the highest standards, expand our support services, uphold fiscal responsibility, and cultivate meaningful partnerships that advance our mission.

Lydia Patterson Institute mission is to empower students in a Christian setting with the tools and resources they need to succeed academically, linguistically, and socially. LPI provides educational

opportunities to underprivileged students facing the challenge of scarcity and inequality. Located on the border between two countries, our school serves as a beacon of hope for students from low-income families, guiding them through middle and high school with a Christian ministry. Despite the obstacles they encounter, our students have demonstrated unparalleled resilience and determination, graduating from our program with flying colors. Education is a powerful tool for social mobility and empowers students to reach their full potential and make a positive impact on the world around them. By providing assistance to underprivileged students, we are not only changing the trajectory of their lives but also lifting up their families and strengthening our society as a whole.

LPI offers a comprehensive range of educational programs and services tailored to meet the unique needs of our students. Our curriculum focuses on language acquisition, academic enrichment, and socio-emotional development. Currently, we serve 240 students, with a demographic profile reflecting the cultural and linguistic diversity of our community. The impact of LPI on the lives of our students is significant and transformative. Through our programs, students not only improve their academic performance but also gain confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging. Testimonials from students and families attest to the positive influence of the school on their lives. Academic data demonstrates steady progress in language proficiency and academic achievement among our students. Just like in the case of Fernando one of our top students. This is Fernando story:

"In the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez, a city plagued by violence and hardship, a young boy named Fernando, lives with his mother and sister in a one room home tucked away in the shadows of the city's challenges. As the first light of dawn peeked over the horizon, Fernando stirred from his makeshift bed, the remnants of a sleepless night still etched on his tired face. The city outside remains shrouded in darkness, save for the distant glow of streetlights that flickered like stars in the night sky. With a heavy heart and a sense of determination, Fernando rises from his bed at 5:00am and prepares for the day ahead. The air is thick with tension, a palpable reminder of the violence and uncertainty that looms over Ciudad Juarez like a dark cloud. Despite the risks and challenges that surround him, Fernando remains steadfast in his commitment to education. Each day, before the sun has even begun its ascent, he embarks on a two-hour trek through the city's labyrinthine streets to reach LPI that had become his beacon of hope. The journey is fraught with danger – the threat of violence lurking around every corner, the oppressive environment bearing down on him like a weight. But Fernando presses on, his steps fueled by determination and a belief in a better tomorrow. At LPI, Fernando finds not only sanctuary but also purpose. Here, amidst the chaos of the outside world, he dedicates himself to his studies and to serving others through a Christian atmosphere and service aimed at uplifting his school. After a long day of classes and service after school, Fernando once again embarks on the treacherous journey home. The sun is starting to make its way onto the horizon, soon casting the city into darkness once more. But Fernando's spirit remains undimmed, and his resolve unshaken by the challenges he faces. As he walks the familiar path home, Fernando carries with him the hope of a brighter future – for himself, for his family, and for his community. For in the face of adversity, he has found at LPI, strength, resilience, and a sense of purpose that would carry him through even the darkest of nights."

In this report, I am thrilled to share with you the incredible impact your generosity has had on LPI and the lives of our students, students such as Fernando. We have worked diligently to enhance our curriculum and develop a more robust career and college readiness program. To equip our students with the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to succeed in both academic and professional settings, empowering them to pursue their goals, including careers in the Methodist clergy. Presently, we provide more than 70 half and full scholarships to attend our institute. In addition, we subsidize 33% of tuition for

100% of our student body. One hundred percent of our seniors successfully graduate from our rigorous middle and high school curriculum, and 100% apply and are accepted to different colleges and universities. With the invaluable assistance of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), we have been able to provide much-needed full scholarships to our students, enabling them to pursue higher education in different Methodist colleges and universities without the burden of financial hardship. These scholarships not only alleviate the financial burden on our students and their families but also open doors to opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach. This is an incredible milestone for our students, many of whom come from families where higher education is not the norm. This achievement underscores the effectiveness of our programs in providing the necessary support and resources to help our students succeed academically. These outcomes demonstrate the transformative impact of LPI in empowering underserved youth to pursue their dreams and break the cycle of poverty.

The impact of LPI extends far beyond the classroom. LPI plays a pivotal role in lifting students and their families out of poverty while fostering a Christian environment grounded in our five core principles: faith, social justice, community, respect, and integrity. By providing a holistic education that integrates these principles into every aspect of school life, we empower our students to grow spiritually, academically, and emotionally. Furthermore, our efforts extend beyond the classroom, positively impacting the entire community by promoting social justice, fostering a sense of belonging, and instilling values of respect and integrity.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work and determination of our students, as well as the unwavering support they receive from our dedicated staff and community. However, our work is far from over. As we celebrate our achievements and look towards the future, we must also acknowledge the ongoing challenges and need for support. Limited resources, and socio-economic disparities continue to impact our ability to accomplish many things. Our beloved school, standing proud for over a century, faces daunting challenges: asbestos contamination in 90% of our premises, no gym/athletics equipment, no reliable transportation, and obsolete lighting in the entire school.

For generations, our school has been a beacon of hope and learning in our community. Its halls echo with the laughter and dreams of countless students who have passed through its doors. However, as with many historic buildings, the passage of time has revealed a hidden danger lurking within our walls. Asbestos, once heralded as a miracle material for its fire-resistant properties, now poses a grave risk to the health and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff. Asbestos fibers, when disturbed, can become airborne and are known to cause serious respiratory illnesses, including lung cancer and mesothelioma.

The presence of asbestos in our school premises is not just a matter of inconvenience; it is a dire threat to the health and safety of all who inhabit our school. Asbestos removal is a complex and costly endeavor, requiring specialized expertise and stringent safety protocols. However, the longer we delay action, the greater the risk to our community. Despite its dangers, asbestos remains present in many older school buildings, including ours, presenting a significant risk to the health and well-being of all who frequent these premises. As stewards of education and advocates for the safety of our students and staff, it is our responsibility to address this issue with urgency and diligence. Removing asbestos from our school premises is a complex and costly undertaking. It requires specialized expertise, rigorous safety protocols, and significant financial resources. As a nonprofit organization, we operate on a limited budget, and the cost of asbestos abatement far exceeds our current means.

While we strive to provide a well-rounded education to our students, we are facing challenges in adequately supporting our athletic programs due to limited resources. Athletics play a crucial role in the holistic development of our students. Participation in sports promotes physical fitness, teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills. It fosters a sense of camaraderie and school spirit while instilling important values such as perseverance, determination, and sportsmanship. Despite the undeniable benefits of athletics, we are facing significant challenges in providing adequate support and equipment for our sports teams. Many of our students come from low-income families and cannot afford to purchase their own sports gear. Additionally, currently we don't have athletic equipment.

Unfortunately, our school is facing significant challenges with our existing lighting system. All fixtures are outdated and in need of replacement, leading to frequent maintenance issues. Moreover, our current lighting setup is energy inefficient, resulting in unnecessarily high electricity bills. Effective lighting is essential to creating a conducive learning environment. Proper lighting improves visibility, enhances concentration, and reduces eye strain, ultimately contributing to better academic performance and overall well-being. Additionally, adequate lighting is crucial for ensuring the safety and security of our school premises.

In addition, our school is facing a significant challenge in providing adequate transportation for activities and out-of-town events. Safe transportation is essential to ensuring that all students have equal access to education. Transportation barriers can prevent us from attending and accessing extracurricular activities and enrichment programs. To address this issue, we urgently need to acquire vans to transport our students safely and efficiently. Providing safe transportation for our students means investing in their future and empowering them to reach their full potential.

As we continue to face financial challenges in meeting the growing demand for our services and maintaining our facilities. We urge you to consider the profound impact your support can have on the lives of these deserving students. With your support, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of our students by providing a safe space and a well-rounded education that nurtures the body, mind, and spirit of our students. Every contribution, no matter how small, brings us one step closer to creating a safe and healthy learning environment for all. Whether it's through monetary donations by check, E-giving and credit card donations on our website and through our Advance # 531523; in-kind contributions of sports equipment; or volunteering your time and expertise, every contribution matters. I implore you to join us in addressing these urgent challenges.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these students and their families, providing them with the support and opportunities they need to thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. Your generosity has the power to transform dreams into reality, aspirations into achievements, and obstacles into opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this report on the status of Lydia Patterson Institute (LPI). With your continued support, we can continue to empower futures and transform lives through education.

Peace and Blessings,
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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO

Curriculum revision offers shorter paths to degrees

Beginning in the fall of 2024, MTSO will offer incoming master's degree students a slate of revised programs offering clear, achievable paths to their vocations. This curriculum revision will give most students the opportunity to complete their degrees in less time. Under the updated curriculum, the Master of Divinity degree requires 75 credit hours and is achievable in three years. The Master of Theological Studies, MA in Public Theology, and MA in Social Justice require 39 hours and are achievable in two years. The revised curriculum for each master's degree is organized around four cores: the Values Core, Methods Core, Vocational Electives Core and Integrative Core. Detailed information is available at mtso.edu/degree updates.

The MA in Public Theology gets a new name and updated focus

MTSO's newly revised MA in Public Theology degree (formerly the MA in Practical Theology) deepens the knowledge and skills of those working to build societal peace, justice and the common good. The MAPT offers formation for the next generation of practical, public theologians by cultivating abilities for negotiating the dynamic interplay in these areas: Christian heritage, congregational culture and contemporary society; theological, educational and social- science disciplines; and the diversities of human and creaturely existence.

Cross-cultural immersion is expanded

Previously required for the Master of Divinity and MA in Social Justice degrees, cross-cultural immersion trips are now required for all MTSO master's degrees and are covered by tuition. Cross-cultural immersion is not a mission trip. Rather, it is an opportunity to learn from and fully experience another culture, rather than attempting to "help" or impact cultures different from one's own. Trips nurture a global perspective and serve as a foundation for learning to respect the rich diversity of beliefs and practices in the wider church. Participants in the January 2024 cross-cultural trip visited South Africa. Upcoming destinations include Mexico and Italy.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Russell, Director of Communications

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY – SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Perkins celebrates our vital connections with the Louisiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

- Seven (7) students affiliated with the Louisiana Annual Conference are enrolled at Perkins: 6 Master of Divinity students and 1 Doctor of Ministry student.
- During the 2023-24 academic year, 4 students from the Louisiana Annual Conference received funding from the PACE (Perkins Annual Conference Endowment) grant, with the average overall financial aid award per student totaling \$2,680.
- One (1) Perkins student from the Louisiana Annual Conference currently is taking part in internship.

Enrollment Update

Enrollment at Perkins for the 2023-24 academic year totaled 293 students. The Houston-Galveston Extension Program, in its sixth year of providing a combination of online and residential classes leading to the M.Div. and M.A.M. degrees, totaled 87 students during the 2023-24 academic year.

Institutional Highlights

- The SMU Board of Trustees voted at its December 2023 meeting to authorize Perkins School of Theology to offer a new hybrid format for its Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Ministry degrees. The new modality, open to those enrolling in Fall 2024, is designed to accommodate students from across the country, providing them with the flexibility to join the Perkins community while minimizing the need for extensive on-campus presence. The program combines a majority of online coursework with occasional immersive experiences. The Board of Trustees also approved new curriculum requirements for four of Perkins' degree programs: the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Ministry, Master of Theological Studies and Master of Sacred Music.
- Dr. Elizabeth G. Lobo, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, has convened a committee – chaired by Dr. Peter Moore – to search for the next dean of Perkins School of Theology. The committee includes members of SMU's Board of Trustees; the Perkins Executive Board; faculty, staff and students from Perkins; and key university stakeholders who interface with the school.

- Christina Rhodes, who has served a variety of roles in development and enrollment management at SMU since 2017, has been appointed Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management at Perkins. As Assistant Dean, Rhodes will play a pivotal role in crafting a vision for Perkins' recruitment, admissions and scholarship aid.
- Dr. Frederick Aquino joined the Perkins faculty as Professor of Systematic Theology in August 2023. He is a noted scholar and theologian who previously served on the faculty of Abilene Christian University since 1998. Dr. Aquino received his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from SMU in 2000.
- Dr. Elias Lopez was named director of the Perkins Doctor of Ministry program in June 2023. He is a 2018 graduate of the Perkins D.Min. program and earned his Master of Divinity from Perkins in 2010. Dr. Lopez also is director of the Perkins Intern Program.
- The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Pace III (M.Div. '82) and Rev. Dr. Clayton Oliphint (M.Div. '88, D.Min. '96) were selected as recipients of the 2023 Perkins Distinguished Alumnus/a Award. The award recognizes Perkins graduates who have demonstrated effectiveness and integrity in service to the church, continuing support for the goals of Perkins and Southern Methodist University, outstanding service to the community and exemplary character. Dr. Pace has served as Senior Pastor at St. Luke's UMC in Houston since 2006, and Dr. Oliphint has served as Senior Pastor at First UMC Richardson since 2001. They were honored at a banquet on the SMU campus on Nov. 13.
- Eleven congregations were selected for the third and final cohort of the Lilly Endowment-funded Testimony HQ initiative to develop thriving congregations through the practice of testimony as community engagement. These congregations were selected from applications submitted from churches within a 350-mile radius of Dallas. The cohort congregations will each receive up to \$5,000 in grant funding to support their Testimony HQ work from January through December 2024.
- More than 3,500 people visited Bridwell Library in April 2023 to view the Codex Sassoon, one of the most important and influential works of global religious and cultural history. More than one thousand years old, the codex is the earliest and most complete Hebrew Bible. Carbon-dating indicates it was created in the 10th century, but the book spent most of its existence out of the public eye. Viewers of the exhibit were also invited to attend Codex Fest – a series of lectures, music and other events and activities on the Perkins campus organized by Bridwell staff and others.
- The Office of the Provost recognized Dr. James Lee, Associate Professor of the History of Early Christianity, as a recipient of this year's Provost Research Fellowship – a \$15,000 cash award – designed to provide research support to SMU's outstanding scholars during the current academic year.
- The installation of the Caren and Vin Prothro new chancel organ in Perkins Chapel – a project that has been ongoing over the last two years – has been completed by the Ortlhoff Company of Needham, Mass. This extraordinary instrument was built in 1927 by E.M. Skinner, the country's premiere organ builder at the time, and its color palette is absolutely unique in this area. The organ is doubly significant because of its pristine condition (never altered in 100 years) and first-rate restoration. Its original home was Fourth Presbyterian Church, Manhattan NYC.
- We are saddened to announce the death of the Rev. Dr. Charles Aaron, co-director of the Perkins Intern Program, who passed away unexpectedly on November 29. Dr. Aaron received his Master of Divinity from Perkins in 1985. He began serving as an adjunct professor at Perkins in 2002 before joining the staff full-time in 2017.

The highlights listed above are reflective of the vibrant engagement of Perkins faculty, staff and students. Our mission is to equip persons for faithful leadership and Christian ministry in a changing church and society; to educate those seeking a deeper understanding of the Christian faith; and to strengthen the church, academy and world through service, scholarship and advocacy. We thank our many colleagues, friends and alumni in the Louisiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church for your generous support, including referrals of prospective students.

Grace and peace,
Bishop Michael McKee

Leighton K. Farrell Endowed Dean, ad interim Perkins School of Theology

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Southern Methodist University (SMU) has served as a nonsectarian institution of higher learning since its founding in 1911 by the citizens of Dallas and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. SMU's mission is to expand knowledge through research and teaching and to serve as an igniter and facilitator of growth in Dallas and North Texas. With continued Methodist representation on the Board of Trustees and by welcoming students of all faiths, SMU is reaching a higher level of accomplishment and global recognition as shaping world changers. Consistent with the University's appreciation of our Wesleyan heritage, SMU voluntarily submits this report to the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Students, faculty, and staff

SMU continues to attract academically excellent and diverse students. The Class of 2027 comprises 1,592 new first-year and 283 new transfer students. For the 2023-24 academic year, 7,115 undergraduates and 4,727 graduate students make up the total student population of nearly 12,000, representing all 50 states and 87 countries. 56% of them are from other states, 41% are Texans and 3% are international students. Once they graduate, they will become Mustangs for life, joining 136,000 alumni worldwide and 61,000 in DFW.

SMU's annual economic impact on the Dallas metro area exceeds \$7 billion. Our faculty members, graduate students, and even undergraduates conduct research that enhances our region and world. The White House and U.S. Department of Commerce have selected SMU to lead a federally funded initiative for economic development in the semiconductor supply chain. The Texoma Semiconductor Hub is the only one of its kind in Texas among 31 hubs nationwide.

Comprehensive capital campaign and research funding

SMU's collective vision for the future of the University and Dallas is propelled by the University's comprehensive campaign: *SMU Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow*. As of March 2024, donors have contributed over \$1.288 billion to date toward this multiyear \$1.5 billion goal to attract and support outstanding students and faculty, explore new fields and cutting-edge technologies, and positively impact Dallas and the world beyond.

Strengthening SMU's position as an institution of academic and athletic distinction is the upcoming transition into the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), where SMU athletic teams will compete against some of the country's most academically focused colleges and universities. The heightened prestige and visibility from participating in the ACC will also bolster the University's academic priority of becoming a Research One (R1) institution in the Carnegie Classification system.

For 2023, SMU reported \$59.7 million in research expenditure which included external funding for domestic and global research. Current funding agencies include the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Energy, National Institute of Justice, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), Google, and Toyota USA Foundation.

Rankings

SMU continues to receive strong recognition and high rankings among prestigious reviewers, including:

- Top 20% best national universities by *U.S. News & World Report* (2024). Also, first among Dallas-area universities, a Best Value School, one of the Best Colleges for Veterans, and a Top Performer on Social Mobility among national universities by USNWR (2024).
- Among the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education in *The Princeton Review's* "Best 389 Colleges" and its "2024 Best Southwest Colleges."
- Top 5% best nationwide colleges (68 out of 2,238) by College Factual (2024). Also, top 1% of the U.S. best liberal arts/sciences and humanities schools for students pursuing a bachelor's degree and among the highest-paid graduates across a range of fields.

- “Higher research activity” as classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- And Perkins Chapel at No. 10 on the list of the nation’s most beautiful college churches and chapels by College Rank.

Perkins School of Theology

The SMU Board of Trustees has authorized Perkins School of Theology to offer a new hybrid format for its Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Ministry degrees. Starting this fall, the new modality will ensure that Perkins continues to deliver the outstanding personal graduate education that is their hallmark and allow additional flexibility for students who may not reside in Dallas.

As Bishop Michael McKee serves as dean of the Perkins School ad interim, a committee has been convened to search for the school’s next dean. The committee includes members of SMU’s Board of Trustees; the Perkins Executive Board; faculty, staff, and students from Perkins; and key University stakeholders.

SMU remains grateful for the enduring work of our Perkins School of Theology in the instruction and training of clergy for all Wesleyan traditions and other denominations. We ask for your prayers and continued support as we strive to further our mission to make a positive impact on the world around us.

Warm regards,
R. Gerald Turner
President, SMU

ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Educating tomorrow's leaders by offering on-campus, online, and hybrid learning courses at a FLEXible schedule, Saint Paul School of Theology is a seminary serving a diverse community committed to the formation of people for innovative, creative ministry through rigorous academic life. Grounded in the academic study of faith and ministry, theology is practiced in a traditional classroom and remote spaces. Our contextual curriculum features Ministry Collaboration Groups, Practicums, Spiritual Formation Retreats, and Seminars. Students learn from dedicated faculty, experienced pastors, and community leaders about best ministry practices, leaving our graduates with the tools and first-hand experience necessary to meet the needs of a changing world.

At the core of our mission at Saint Paul is the formation of people for innovative, creative ministry through rigorous academic life. In 2024, we are launching two exciting new programs to revitalize current pastors and preachers and prepare seminary students for music ministry. First, with the help of Lilly Endowment's Compelling Preaching grant and the leadership of Dr. Casey Sigmon, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship and Director of Contextual Education and Pause/Play Center for Preachers, Saint Paul School of Theology is creating a Center that addresses the risk of losing heart and prophetic imagination as a preacher in this divided world. The [Pause/Play Center for Preachers](#)' mission is in its name: to hold space for busy preachers to pause and play their way into a renewal of their vocation as preachers of the Good News. Second, for Fall 2024, as part of our Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) degree program, we will launch a first-of-its-kind specialization in Modern Worship Music. Saint Paul will partner with The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection and their [COR Worship Collective](#) to prepare students to write, produce, and perform modern worship music. Students will integrate a worship leaders' skills with their study of theology, the bible, history, and worship in a diverse, inclusive, and spiritually enriching environment. Lastly, we recently completed the (Theo)Logic Studio on our Oklahoma Campus. The Studio serves as a dedicated space for creating, recording, and editing digital media resources tailored to the ministries of students, staff, faculty, and alums, encompassing content development ranging from podcasts and video resources to digital graphics.

We continue to invite Saint Paul students, alums, and friends to join us in a hybrid format, where participants may join in-person or online, allowing everyone to come together as one institution from wherever they are. Saint Paul offers weekly chapel services throughout the academic year featuring students, alums, faculty, and local leaders. In addition, weekly Spiritual Formation allows attendees to engage in spiritual practices led by new Oklahoma Chapel Coordinator Rev. Alanna Ireland '23. Some practices take us outdoors or to other sacred spaces, and others have us connect with community leaders.

For the 2023-2024 academic year, we brought 41 new, faithful theologians from across the world to our learning community. International students from South Korea, Belgium, and Mexico added to the global learning environment on both campuses and online. Twenty-seven percent of incoming students identified as a race or ethnicity other than white, and 53 percent identified as female.

Saint Paul staff and faculty continue contributing to the academy, church, and society. The faculty of Saint Paul School of Theology maintains high standards of scholarship, research, publication, and engagement. Over the past year, their many activities and publications have been so numerous that space permits only sharing selected highlights:

- Dr. Israel Kamudzandu, Lindsey P. Pherigo Associate Professor of New Testament Studies and Biblical Interpretation, published *Translation as Incarnation: The Bible in the Twenty-First Century Global South* and was the featured guest speaker of our January forum.
- Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, Assistant Professor of Ethics, Church, and Society, published *Black Theology and The Black Panthers*
- Dr. Elaine Robinson, Professor of Methodist Studies and Christian Theology, published *Leading with Love: Spiritual Disciplines For Practical Leadership*
- Rabbi Michael Zedek, Rabbi-in-Residence, published *Taking Miracles Seriously: A Journey to Everyday Spirituality* and hosted a forum with Dr. Jeanne Hoeft, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care, and Franklin and Louise Cole Associate Professor in Town and Country Ministries, on The War in Israel and Traumatized Communities
- Dr. Mike Graves, Professor Emeritus of William K. McElvaney of Preaching and Worship, published *Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life (on Things Like Poverty, Hunger, Polarization, Inclusion, and More)*

The 2023-2024 Fiscal Year brought a change in leadership to the Seminary. Rev. Neil Blair '80 retired as President on December 31, 2023, and President Jay Simmons, formerly Vice President of Institutional Advancement, took the helm at the start of 2024. In addition, Saint Paul Board of Trustees' Chair Dr. Amy Hogan stepped down as Board Chair, with Ms. Sharon Cleaver assuming the position until the end of June 2024. Our current strategic plan is set to conclude within the coming year. Consequently, the Board of Trustees formed a task force several months ago to prepare the next iteration of our strategic plan. Members of the Seminary's Executive Leadership Team are now working with faculty and staff to refine the draft scripted by the task force. These efforts will continue over the next few months until we have a document ready for review by the Board of Trustees. While we are still too early in this effort to comment on any specific initiatives, the plan ultimately endorsed by the Board will guide all our efforts for the next several years. Therefore, this effort is critical in defining how we ensure that Saint Paul remains a vital and vigorous Seminary committed to preparing our students for creative and innovative ministry.

For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, Saint Paul Course of Study (COS) School educated 250 individual students, including 79 new students, with approximately 600 registrations and offering 46 classes. Serving 31 Conferences, 89 Districts, 116 Full Time and 126 Part-Time Licensed Local Pastors comprised these registrations. Seventy percent of these students are taking more than one course. To help offset student costs, twenty percent of all students received aid from their conference or church. COS School continues to attract a diverse student body. One hundred eighty-eight students ranged in age from 30 to 65, and 62 students ranged in age from 66 to 82. Students self-identified across four racial/ethnic groups. Fifty-two percent were male, and forty-eight percent were female. Many COS School students serve more than one church, many rural, with a few dozen students serving three or more churches. We helped 23 students finish the 20-course program this year, issuing them certificates of completion. With approval from GBHEM, the school has continued its course offerings in both asynchronous and synchronous online formats. Utilizing this online format, we reached students in 28 states. We continue to offer online registration

completed by the student with the ability to access their student account through Populi as used by our Seminary students. COS also uses the same learning platform, Moodle, as our Seminary students. By implementing the Course of Study School into Populi, these students share the same benefits as the Seminary, allowing them to participate in the Saint Paul experience. They have full access to the Seminary library on campus and online, with several required readings accessible as an eBook. We have invited COS School students to join our Saint Paul School of Theology Weekly Chapel Services and Spiritual Formation gatherings and other Saint Paul events.

Saint Paul is a financially healthy Seminary. We operate with a balanced budget, no debt, and an endowment that is 9-10 times the size of our annual expenses. Sustainability has been our focus over the past six years, and we have achieved our goal. Investments in our future bring exciting new opportunities for our students, staff, and faculty. As always, we continue to be grateful for donations from the community that provide technology, scholarships, and evolving academic programs to students. Our significant technological investments have allowed us to maintain a hybrid educational delivery model, providing a flexible working arrangement for our students.

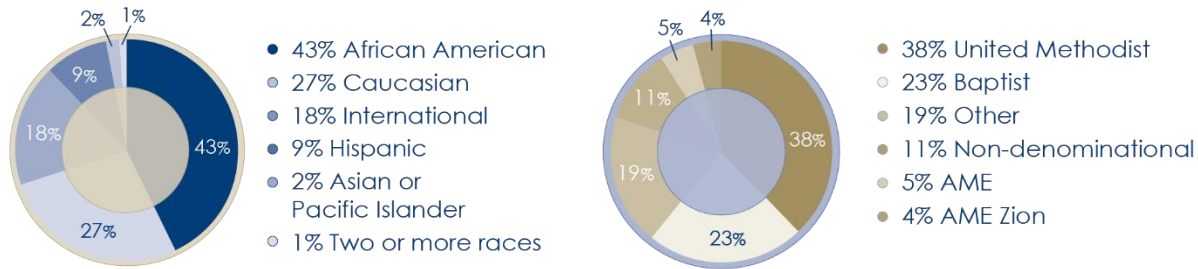
We are continuing to enhance our partnership with Zoom and Neat. We now have Neat Bars & Neat Boards in all our classrooms. In addition, during this last year, we implemented a Neat Board in Harris Chapel on our Oklahoma Campus. We also have Neat Boards in multiple common areas to encourage ad-hoc use of the technology for breakout groups and other miscellaneous meetings between our two campuses and our remote students. One of the best features of this technology is its ability to receive automatic real-time over-the-air feature upgrades. Zoom & Neat continue enhancing our learning environment by rolling out new enhancements, including enhanced whiteboarding, noise cancellation, and AI features. Our Neat equipment continuously monitors several environmental factors within our classrooms: air quality, temperature, humidity, VOC, and CO2, as well as being able to tell if the classrooms are occupied and how many individuals are in the room. We can also monitor the audio/video quality and network connectivity in each of our classrooms, as well as the connection quality for all remote students attending the class. We are excited about the additional enhancements that will come to our classrooms from Neat and Zoom over this next year.

Saint Paul School of Theology is blessed to be your partner in ministry and help those seeking to discover more and answer the call. Your advocacy for the Seminary and generous financial support have been vital in realizing our accomplishments. Many thanks for the innumerable ways you have helped Saint Paul. Your prayers and actions on behalf of the Seminary are a blessing to all of us.

Jay K. Simmons, President

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

For more than 150 years, United Theological Seminary has prepared men and women to serve as faithful and fruitful Christian leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ. In the 2022-2023 academic year, the seminary served 547 students, representing 36 states, 20 countries, and 43 denominations, with 38 percent of students identifying as United Methodist. United in Christ, the student body is a multi-ethnic, multi-racial community that is 43 percent African American, 27 percent White, 18 percent international, 9 percent Hispanic, and 2 percent Asian or Pacific Islander.* During the 2022-2023 academic year, 120 graduates completed their programs.



Houses of Study

United's academic programs include seven Houses of Study for denominational, church renewal, and/or language- and culture-based ministry, including online Spanish and Korean houses of study. These houses of study have enrolled over 120 new master's students in the United States and around the world.

Bishop Bruce Ough Innovation Center

In 2023, the Bishop Bruce Ough Innovation Center, directed by Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey, engaged more than 5,000 participants through 64 resourcing events and activities. The Center partnered with the Black Methodists for Church Renewal Laity Advocacy Committee to conduct the 2023 Laity Leadership Institution. The Center also launched a *Dynamite Prayer* movement, based on the guidebook *Dynamite Prayer: A 28 Day Experiment* (Invite Resources, 2022) by Rev. Kibbey and Rev. Dr. Rosario Picardo. Multiple United Methodist conferences and more than 90 congregations across denominations committed to be part of a Dynamite Prayer Wave and received resourcing on the practice of "breakthrough prayer."

New Faces at United

Over the past year, the seminary welcomed several new members to the United community. Bishop James Swanson, most recently bishop of the Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church, was installed as United Methodist Bishop-in-Residence. Dr. Pauline Paris Buisch and Rev. Dr. Xavier L. Johnson joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Assistant Professor of Preaching and Black Church Studies, respectively, and Dr. Eliseo Mejia came on board as the Academic Oversight Officer for the Hispanic House of Study.

Reducing Student Debt

Finances shouldn't stand in the way of a seminary education. That's why United has launched the Fresh Wind: Where the Spirit Takes Flight campaign to add \$10 million to the scholarship endowment, which will dramatically increase the seminary's capacity to provide scholarships to students for many years to come. As of January 2024, the seminary was more than 70 percent toward the \$10 million goal.

Kent Millard, President

** Student data represent unduplicated headcount enrollment for the 2022-2023 academic year. Demographic figures represent those who responded.*

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The mission of Wesley Theological Seminary (WTS) is to equip persons for Christian ministry and leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square.

Despite the challenges posed by the global landscape, WTS continues to flourish, driven by our commitment to excellence in theological education and community engagement.

Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Theological Studies Degrees: We offer pathways to meet the needs of a variety of students. Whether traditional , brick and mortar, in-person study or a flexible, online, hybrid model (Wesley FlexMA), WTS is committed to curating space for theological reflection, academic inquiry, and practical application. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/study/>

Doctor of Ministry Degree: WTS is a leader in DMin education, offering specialized tracks of study for scholars going into parish ministry, global missions, or military chaplaincy. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/doctorofministry/program/>

Wesley Innovation Hub: WTS received a \$1.2M grant from the Lilly Endowment and will embark on groundbreaking initiatives that harness the power of technology, entrepreneurship, and interdisciplinary collaboration. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/wesley-innovation-hub/>

Center for Public Theology: WTS received a generous grant from the Trinity Wall Street Foundation to launch “The Public Theology Fellows Program”, an innovative initiative to bridge gaps between faith communities and political action. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/public-theology/>

Community Engagement Institute: WTS received a generous grant from City Seminary in NYC for the innovative, immersive study and praxis of urban ministry. <https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/about-us/overview-2/>

The Henry Luce III Center for the Arts and Religion: WTS is thrilled to share two new exhibits, Sacred Ground, which focused on the intersection of community-engaged art and spirituality; and Paradise Lost, a captivating exhibition highlighting transcultural, multicultural, and interreligious narratives. <https://www.luceartsandreligion.org/>

Lewis Center for Church Leadership: The Lewis Center conducts leading edge research for the local church. WTS is pleased to report a growing demand for transformative leadership training within religious communities. <https://www.churchleadership.com/>

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*The Honored Deceased
May 15, 2023 – May 17, 2024*

Clergy

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James Walter Jones

Leslie P. Norris, Jr.

James Claud "JC" Skinner

Theo "Ted" Strong Standley

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Clergy

Rev. Kenneth Wallace Holt

December 4, 1948 – December 23, 2023



Rev. Holt, 75, of Sieper, entered eternal rest on Saturday, December 23, 2023, in Lafayette. He was born on December 4, 1948, in Alexandria to Kenneth Cameron Holt and Nora O'leta Wallace Holt. Rev. Holt was a minister for 20 years, and a member of the United Methodist Church. He did volunteer ministry at Karos Prison and Cursillo Ministry. He was a 1966 graduate of Oak Hill High School, and a graduate of NSU with a bachelor's degree. Worked at LA Dept Health and Human Re-Sources. He is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Nora Holt; and his wife of 49 years, Judy Rone Holt. Rev. Holt leaves behind his loving family to cherish his memory, one sister, Kathryn (Joe) Johnson of New Llano; two brothers, Steve (Connie) Holt, and Dudley (Leta) Holt all of Sieper; along with a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Pallbearers to serve will be Craig Holt, Tad Holt, Byron Holt, Tony McDowell, Rodney Rone, and Travis Brawner.

Rev. James Walter Jones

August 1, 1935 – October 20, 2023

James Walter Jones, 88, of Tallahassee, passed away on October 20, 2023. He is survived by his partner, Kathleen Neely of Tallahassee and his daughter and son, Linda Jones and Roger Jones of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Stepdaughters, Jeannie Robbins and Samantha Reddinger; Stepson, Charles Earl and five beloved grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his stepdaughter, Katye Albert.

Rev. Dr. Leslie P. Norris, Jr.

August 2, 1940 – October 28, 2023



"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

October 28, 2023, Reverend Dr. Leslie P. Norris, Jr., of Pearland, TX, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side.

Born August 2, 1940 to Rev. Leslie P. Norris, Sr. and Adele T. Washington in Bogalusa, LA. Leslie was primarily reared in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was a graduate of Southern University Laboratory School, Southern University, and Nicholls State University. Leslie received this theological education at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA, and The Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, where he was an exchange student. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Gammon Theological Seminary – Interdenominational Theological Center, for his service to The Methodist Church. Leslie was the youngest of five Louisiana Methodist/United Methodist clergymen. His thirty-nine year ministry was marked by transforming lives from the beginning until retirement in 2001. He pastored various size churches from small to medium to large in Slidell and New Orleans communities. Leslie's church appointments consisted of Hartzell and Mt. Zion UMC in Slidell, LA; Haven UMC, Bethany UMC, and Mt. Zion in New Orleans, LA. Other divine appointments he held were Louisiana Conference Executive Secretary of Christian Education, University Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion at Dillard University, and Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District. He was a member of numerous church, university, and civic boards and committees. He served as Vice President of the Methodist Children's Home Board of Directors. Leslie was a charter member of All Congregations Together (ACT) serving as its first Vice President and Nominating Committee Chair. He was a member of the inspiring Gammon Singers and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Leslie was full of faith, hope, love, patience, peace, courage, determination, wit, and humor. This lover of God and people also loved to preach, teach, sing, and serve. Above all, he was available to God and willing to serve wherever he was needed and able. He devoted his life to God's service until God called him from earthly labor to heavenly reward.

In the year 2016, he wrote his first and only book entitled "God's Early Morning Intervention – Following God's Lead". He stated "My book came to life in six years, as God awoke me many

early mornings and wrote on the radar screen of my mind, 'Be still and know that I am God' (Ps. 46:10 KJV). God said to me, 'Get out of bed immediately. Go to the den, get your journal, and write'. When we follow God's lead, we are following the lead of the ultimate universal leader who knows all and who knows best."

Leslie is survived by his wife of 58 years, Roszeta Porter Norris; one son, Leslie P. Norris, III; one daughter, Wendy Norris-Williams; one brother, Bishop Alfred L. Norris, Sr.; one granddaughter, Aria Taylor Williams; two step-grandsons, James Williams and Kyndel Williams; and an abundance of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Rev. Theo Strong Standley

November 16, 1947 – February 18, 2024



Reverend Dr. Theo Strong Standley died on February 18, 2024, at Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center at the age of 76.

Ted, a native of Monroe and a beloved longtime resident of Lafayette, departed this world, leaving behind a legacy of service, faith, and love. His life was a testament to his unwavering dedication to both his community and his faith.

In 1965 he graduated from Neville High School in Monroe and continued his education at Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1969. He earned his Master of Theology in 1972 from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Ted was awarded his Doctor of Ministry Degree from a Joint Degree Program- Vanderbilt University – Nashville, Tennessee, and University of the South – Sewanee, Tennessee in 1982.

For 43 years, he served as an ordained elder and pastor in the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. Ted served churches in Lake Charles, Bossier City, Westlake, Covington, Opelousas, Plaquemine, and Grand River. In 1997 he was granted a special appointment as a United Methodist Chaplain at Lafayette General Medical Center. He served as a Chaplain there for 20 years. His compassionate presence brought solace to countless individuals during times of need. He also served as Pastor at First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ for 11 years from 2001 – 2013. He retired from the Chaplaincy at Lafayette General in 2017. Upon retirement, Ted embraced a new role as a spiritual director, continuing to guide and

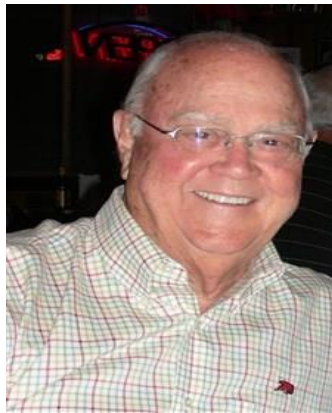
support others on their spiritual paths. His commitment to helping others find peace and meaning in their lives was unwavering.

An enthusiastic fan of Atlanta Braves Baseball, he relished the excitement of the game. As an avid birdwatcher, he found solace in nature's beauty and serenity. Ted kept up with politics and enjoyed staying informed by reading the daily newspaper. Above all else, Ted was known for his kind heart, infectious humor, love of family, and enjoyment of time spent with his grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Boo." He touched the lives of many with his warmth and compassion, leaving behind cherished memories that will be treasured forever. In honoring Ted's memory, let us carry forward his legacy of service, faith, and love. Though he may no longer be with us in person, his spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James William Standley, Jr., and Augusta "Jane" Terzia Standley; two siblings, James William Standley, III, and Anna Noel Culpepper; and on nephew, Chris Culpepper. Those left to cherish and honor his memory are his beloved wife of 26 years, Mary Ellen Standley; four daughters, Susan Standley Newman (David), Stephanie Lejeune Eicher (Steve), Kay Humphries Firmin (Lance), and Holly Humphries Hebert (Doug); seven grandchildren, Katlin, Whittany, Madison, Lane, Victoria, Evan, and Aaron; his canine companion, Buddy; and many relatives and friends.

Rev. Dr. John Murray Winn, Jr.

January 22, 1930 – December 27, 2023



John Murray Winn, Jr. was born in Mobile, Alabama on January 22, 1930 and died peacefully in his sleep in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on December 27, 2023. In less than a month, he would have celebrated his 94th birthday. To the very end of his life, his mind remained sharp, his sense of humor undiminished, and his spirit unquenchable.

John grew up in historic Algiers Point in New Orleans, the city where his deepest roots were planted. He learned to walk at eight months old, but contracted polio at 2 ½ and spent a total of nearly two years in and out of Shriner's Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana, undergoing fifteen surgeries and physical therapy. Although the immense loss and pain he confronted as a small

child with polio certainly was the anvil upon which was forged a strong character of depth, resilience, courage, and compassion, he never let polio define him.

From Behrman High School on Algiers Point, where he was the student body president, John went on to Tulane University where in 1950 he received his B.A. in Journalism. His life's calling led him to Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas where, in 1954, he received his Master of Divinity degree. In 1992, Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

John was married for most of his life, first to Audrey Mary Sutton, his high school sweetheart, from 1950 until her death in 1972, and then, in 1974, he married Carole Lee Cotton, one of the first ordained clergywomen in Louisiana Methodism. He and Carole were one of the first clergy couples in the conference, and their dynamic team leadership was an exciting model for those who followed.

Over the span of fifty years of fruitful ministry in Louisiana, John served local United Methodist churches in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Monroe, Houma, and Shreveport, where he also served as an adjunct instructor at Centenary College. In 1990 he became the Founding Director of the Louisiana Conference Center for Pastoral Excellence, mentoring clergy of all ages and in all stages of ministry. This cutting-edge ministry has been replicated in other conferences across the United Methodist connection.

John served on numerous boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church and was elected to represent Louisiana United Methodists at both the jurisdictional and general conference levels. In every context, whether teaching, consulting, preaching, administering, or mentoring, John offered visionary and imaginative insight, opening hearts, minds, and doors. Through his trailblazing ministry, churches have been renewed, and countless lives of both lay and clergy have been inspired, challenged, and transformed.

Liberal-minded, large-hearted, quick-witted, and articulate, John was an eloquent and prophetic preacher, an extraordinarily gifted leader, and a courageous champion of women's equality, the civil rights of minorities, and the LGBTQIA+ community. At times standing alone, he was not deterred from speaking and acting boldly with unflinching integrity for social justice on behalf of those whose rights were at risk, both within and beyond the church. And yet, he did so without ever falling into bitterness or despair, always maintaining a joyful and hopeful attitude toward life.

John is the author of two books, *For All Seasons* and *Selections*. His unfinished manuscript, *The Last Surviving Polio Patient: A Spiritual and Theological Memoir*, will be completed by family and shared soon with the public.

Without a doubt, though John lived and served in many places, his home was New Orleans. A lover of jazz, Creole/Cajun cuisine, oyster poboys, beignets, bread pudding, banana pudding, all things Tulane, and Hubig's Pies, he never missed a chance to spend time with family and friends in the French Quarter.

He is survived by his wife of almost fifty years, Carole Cotton Winn; his sister, Rosalie Winn Short and her daughter Natalie and son Rob (Suzanne); his daughter, Callie Winn Crawford (Billy) of New Orleans; two sons, John A. Winn (Con Christeson) in St. Louis, Missouri, and Mark Winn-Ritzenberg (Katy) of Washington D.C.; and a daughter, Lane Cotton Winn (Ben Hartman) of Baton Rouge. He has seven grandchildren: Luke, Sarah, Olin, Noah, Julian, Erin, and Zach; and eleven great-grandchildren, Omri, Asa, Ella, Nile, Camden, Ava, Dean, Autumn, Zoë, Bailee and Dylan; as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless others who knew him as "Papa John."

Spouses

Margurite Ruth Reeves Carter

August 21, 1931 – September 28, 2023



Margurite Ruth Carter née Reeves, 92, “Pete”, a resident of Fairfield Bay, AR, and a native of Alexandria, LA, died on September 28, 2023.

She is survived by her daughter, Diana Ladmirault and husband Frank Ladmirault of Fairfield Bay, AR; one son, Mark Carter, Sr. and wife Cynthia Carter of Springfield, VA; seven grandchildren: Ellen Christine Wilson, Cara Tedrick, Jessica Warren, Christopher Ladmirault, Brian Ladmirault, Mark Carter, Jr. and Paul Anthony Carter; nine great-grandchildren Tabitha McGee, McKenna Tedrick, Ryan Ladmirault, John Michael Tedrick, Mark (Trey) Carter, III, Layla Carter, Skylar Warren, Lillian Warren, and Aubrey Carter; and great-great-grandchildren Isabella McGee, Lily McGee, Serenity McGee. She was preceded in death by her husband Reverend Paul W. Carter; son Reverend Stephen Carter; father Reverend Allen R. Reeves Sr; mother Fredna (Reeves) Akin née Scogins; sister Allena Longfellow; brother Allen R. Reeves, Jr.; and sister Judy Hoyt.

Margurite was always ready to smile, laugh, play games, and tell stories with her family and friends. She lived a long and happy life and was a devoted and supportive “preacher’s wife” to her late husband, Rev. Paul Carter. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother.

As a “Navy Brat”, she traveled and lived all over the United States, including Hawaii. A true lover of animals, she doted on many pet dogs and cats over the years and always made sure birds and squirrels had plenty to eat in the winters.

She passed away peacefully, with her daughter Diana and son-in-law, Frank, by her side. She will be greatly missed.

Willie Nell Johnson

August 24, 1938 – September 27, 2023



Willie Nell Johnson peacefully departed this life on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. She was an 85 year old resident of Baton Rouge and a native of Caldwell Parish. She is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Rose Hudson and Tina Johnson, and her grandchildren, Theresa Hudson, Hampton Hudson, and Myles Fabre. She is preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Johnson.

Ulysses Joseph

- April 3, 2024



Ulysses Joseph entered into eternal rest on April 3, 2024. Ulysses will be greatly missed by many. He leaves to cherish his loving memories the "Love of his Life," his wife of 55 years, Linda Carter Joseph; one son, Andre Joseph (Osjeta); five grandchildren, Imani Marie Joseph, Bryant Caleb Joseph, London Marie Joseph, Khary Nance, and Carter James Joseph; one brother, Wilbert Joseph; three sisters; Olivia Turner, Shirley Huggins, Sylvia Wright; one brother-in-law; two Godchildren, Derek Calvin (Angel), Pamala Turner, eleven nieces, nine nephews and numerous relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Bryant

Joseph (Charrell), parents, Tilford Sr. and Elizabeth Gray Joseph, two brothers, Tilford Joseph Jr. and George Joseph (Mona), two sisters, Marjorie Joseph and Rena Clark, one niece, and four brothers-in-law.

Yoo Soon Lee

January 3, 1934 – February 16, 2024



Yoo-Soon Lee a long time resident of Metairie, LA passed away peacefully on Friday, February 16, 2024 at her eldest son's home in Charles Town, WV at the age of 90. She was born in Seoul, S. Korea on January 3rd, 1934 to Hee-Il Lee (father) and Byoung-Sook Yoon (mother). All her formal education was completed in South Korea from elementary during the Japanese colonization and after the Korean War, her secondary education and university level. She attended Sook-Myung Women's University and majored in Music-piano performance (Concert Pianist).

Yoo-Soon is preceded in death by Dr. and Rev. Chang Kyu Lee, her husband of 47 years, Yoo-En Lee (eldest sister) and Yoo-Yong Lee (Younger brother). Yoo-Soon is survived by Yoo-Hee Lee (younger sister) and by two younger brothers, Yoo-In Lee and Yoo-Il Lee, her two sons, the eldest- Winston Lee (Suyapa Rosalez-Lee) and Harold Lee, and her three grandchildren, Joseph Lee, Venecia Lee, and Elizabeth Lee (by birth order). Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Yoo-Soon was a member of the Korean United Methodist Church of New Orleans, Sook-Myung Women's University Alumni Association, Louisiana Music Teacher Association (LMTA), National Federation of Music Clubs, Louisiana Federation of Music Clubs, church choir, church pianist, and was the founder of her church's hand bell choir. On her good days, she would express with a great smile and laughter about excerpts of her life as she flipped the pages of her photo album. She would share moments that impacted her and made her the resilient person necessary to strive and persevere despite challenges faced.

During her middle school and high school years, she enjoyed playing basketball, acting in theatre class, fishing and ballet—her great passion. On school field trips, she looked forward meeting-up with her classmates during picnic lunch. She was considering becoming a professional ballet dancer but her mother highly discouraged the idea. At the time, Korea was recovering the ravages of war and was in need of teachers and professors in selected fields. She concede to her mother's demands, but prudently resisted, letting go her dream and sacrificing her desires for the betterment of her country and securing a much needed stability and future for herself. Unknowingly, this decision led her to great success socially and professionally.

Her career began as a high school teacher in Seoul, S. Korea and rose to the ranks as professor at Mok-Won University in Daejeon, S. Korea. She was popular and on demand due to

the many accolades and awards her students received. At this point, she knew there was no turning back and that this would be her future!

In 1981, she made a daunting decision to move to Scranton, PA with her two sons, not knowing English nor familiar to American culture. Once again, she decided over the need to aid her husband for the ministry of the church and served as a minister's wife. She carried fond memories from there, learning American ways, the English language, and baking skills. She learned how to make the most delicious pineapple upside down cake and a coconut icing through her new American friends and members of the church. She continued playing piano for the church and eventually started teaching again.

On February 1985, she did a final move to Metairie, LA. Her husband was assigned as the pastor of the Korean United Methodist Church of New Orleans. She continued playing piano, established a choir, and founded a handbell choir group at her church. In Metairie, LA, she succeeded with a large clientele of students of all ages, little ones to adults, who were seeking out her tutelage in piano basics, music theory, performance, and coaching for an upcoming competition or audition. Many of her students participated in piano competitions and most would win first and second placements. Other students needed coaching for admission purposes to universities or high schools that required auditions or an add-on to their portfolio.

Yoo-Soon was a devoted wife and mother. She was highly dedicated to the church as a minister's wife. She lived the life of others by prioritizing the needs of her church and family over her own. Her piano was her solace where she found comfort and security when times were tough. Music and her piano allowed her to persevere through crisis. She enjoyed the company of her grandchildren, and she made sure that every one of them were taught something about music appreciation and piano performance.

Yoo Soon, you are missed! It's time to send you off with such great musical note...to be remembered always...no need to worry further...may you rest in peace! Thank you for sharing on those long nights, and when you were able, the memories of your life.

Lois Wheeler Lueg

June 20, 1924 – April 13, 2024



Lois Wheeler Lueg, our beloved Mother and Grammie, left this world to be with her Lord on April 13, 2024. Our precious Mom transitioned into our heavenly majestic garden surrounded by

God's creatures, whom she adored. Affectionately known to her friends as Loie, Mom passed away peacefully at King Richard Fidelis House, just 68 days shy of her 100th birthday.

Born in Madison, Wisconsin to Herbert Denny and Effie Anne Dunlap Orth, Lois attended the University of Wisconsin before moving to Lake Charles in 1947. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Lois enjoyed reading, gardening, and playing Bridge. Her effervescent, infectious laughter, child-like enthusiasm, and keen sense of humor brought joy to so many. Lois was a woman of faith who gracefully persevered through the trials of life and embraced the joys of life, always reflecting the love of the Lord. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles for many years.

Lois is survived by her children whom she cherished: one son, Stephen Wheeler of North Little Rock, Arkansas; four daughters, Marcia Kathleen Wheeler of Shreveport, Claire Kinney Shaw of Baton Rouge, Heidi Wheeler Towns and husband Scott, also of Baton Rouge, and Allison Kelley and husband Tim of Dallas, Texas. Lois' six grandchildren were the apple of her eye: Stephanie Wheeler, Meghan Matt, Jessica Schexnayder, Katelyn Guarisco, Christopher Kinney, and Melissa McBride. Lois also leaves behind eleven great grandchildren to cherish her memory: Lux Matt, Brendyn Kinney, Elikai Matt, Tallulah Matt, Arrow Matt, Poppy Schexnayder, Harrison Schexnayder, Dalton Guarisco, and Kenneth "Tripp" McBride, including two great grandchildren arriving soon, Lillian Guarisco and Collins McBride.

Lois was preceded in death by the father of her children, Robert Wheeler; husband, Dr. Carl Lueg; her parents; and two brothers, Robert, and Charles Orth.

Mary Ann Hixon McClain

August 11, 1934 – July 4, 2023

Mary Ann Hixson McClain, age 88, of Slidell, Louisiana, went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Mary was born on August 11, 1934, to William and Bessie Hixson in Clarks, LA. She worked at the Methodist Children's Home for several years and Mother's Day Out at First United Methodist Church in Slidell, LA. Mary worked with children all her life and they loved her.

She is survived by her five children: Jeff McClain, William McClain, Ehrett McClain, Patrick McClain, and Beth Hall (James); her four grandchildren: Stamper Scott (Amber), Glen McClain, Lauren McClain, and Grant McClain; her five great-grandchildren: Tyler Scott, Taylor Scott (Karley), Chandler Scott (Kassidy), Jordan Scott, and Anabeth Scott; two great-great grandchildren Camille Scott and Hudson Scott.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Joe Wayne McClain, her son Joseph Grant McClain and her grandson Justin Scott.

HONORED DECEASED OF THE LOUISIANA **CONFERENCE SINCE 1971 :**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Aamodt,	August E.	2002	Bibbons,	Jeffery C.	1978
Adams,	James L.	2013	Blackwood,	Wallace P.	2005
Addison,	Robert J.	1994	Blair,	Burton	2008
Ailor,	James W.	2003	Blakely,	George E.	1987
Akin,	William R.	1980	Blakeman,	Warren H.	2018
Alford,	Jason A.	1974	Blount,	Henry C., Jr.	2020
Alfred,	George M.	1984	Boddie,	David A.	1974
Allen,	John E.	1974	Boddie,	Wyatt D.	1993
Allen,	Renuel H.	1986	Bodie,	Luther A.	1986
Alverson,	Donice W.	2006	Bond,	Beverly E.	1988
Anders,	George D., Sr.	2001	Bowdon,	J. Henry	1980
Arends,	Cathy Joy	2019	Bowdon,	Joseph H., Jr.	2020
Arnold,	Tracy R.	1989	Bowie,	William T.	1983
Asbury	Lou Ann	2021	Boyett,	Richard Michael	2015
August,	Wilbert C.	2009	Branch,	Booker T.	1981
Augustine,	Louis, Jr.	1998	Brent,	Alexis	2001
Avant,	Nathan T., Jr.	2011	Brent,	Charlotte	2000
Averett,	Clyde, W.	2010	Brent,	Wilson H.	2010
Babington,	Thomas M.	2015	Brouillette,	Etienne	1976
Bailes,	Homer V.	2013	Brown,	Alfred M.	1972
Baker,	Arthur Marion, Jr.	2014	Brown,	Eugene A.	1986
Baker,	Hugh L., Jr.	2006	Brown,	Margaret	2019
Barabin,	Walter	1986	Brown,	Richmond	1975
Barham,	William C.	1991	Brown,	Robert N.	1988
Barksdale,	Edwin J.	2006	Brown,	Tillman A.	1990
Barnton,	Razzie R.	1986	Brumfield,	Horace	2005
Barr-Hartung,	A. Fay	2001	Buek,	Ellsworth	1981
Barrie,	Donald, Sr.	1995	Burch,	Janie S.	2000
Barze,	Cyprian, Jr.	1981	Burlew,	George Joseph	1995
Bazer,	David G.	2003	Butler,	Max R.	1983
Beasley,	James L.	1986	Cady	Manasseh C.	2021
Beeler,	Thomas C.	2022	Cain,	A. Jerome	2001
Beck,	Leon Lonnie	2003	Cain,	Douglas L.	2020
Beird,	Sherman L.	2000	Cain,	W. Ralph	1975
Bell,	Burnell	2009	Calvin,	George W. C., Sr.	2014
Bell,	Clark Warren	1995	Calvin,	Richard W.	1995
Bengston,	Robert W.	2012	Calvo,	Samuel	2014
Bengston,	William H.	1981	Campbell,	Fred W.	1995
Bentley,	Robert W.	1979	Cansler,	Harold	2000
Bergeron,	Tommy R.	2022	Caraway,	James J.	2016
Berry,	Edward L.	1999	Caraway,	Porter M.	1979
Bevill,	Lillard R.	2022	Carither,	Rosabelle P.	1998
Bevill,	Woodrow W.	1985	Carlstrom,	Ture O.	1973

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Carrington,	Lovice A.	1977	Daigle,	Jay V.	1994
Carroll,	Paul C., Sr.	2018	Dampier,	Samuel Burl	1996
Carroll,	William H.	1973	Daniels,	Nathan, Jr.	2010
Carruth,	Angus Lee, Sr.	2015	Davidson,	James S.	2000
Carruthers,	Kenneth K.	1979	Davis,	Abraham E.	2014
Carter,	Eddie	1994	Davis,	John J.	1973
Carter,	Paul W.	2018	Davis,	M. L.	1981
Carter,	Robert C.	2009	Davis,	Paul Dean	2015
Carter,	Robert E.	2022	Davis,	Ralph M.	1980
Carter,	Stephen P.	1995	Davis,	Wilbur G. C., Sr.	2000
Casey,	John Hamilton	1998	Dawson,	Dana, Jr.	1993
Cassels,	William P.	1988	Dean,	Garland Carlton, Jr.	1997
Chambers,	Curtis A.	2015	Deen,	Daniel Ray	1995
Charles,	Henry	1980	DeLaughter,	Raymond P.	2005
Chiasson,	Rita	2016	Dill,	Ernest M.	1977
Christie,	James E.	2005	Douglas,	Andrew Jackson	2021
Christopher,	Olden W.	1999	Douglas,	Luman E.	1986
Church,	Percell, Sr.	2013	Dorsey,	Henry W.	1992
Clark,	Clyde S.	2003	Downs,	John M.	1994
Clark,	Karl M.	2022	Drake,	Edward P.	1980
Coddy,	Arby W.	1985	Duerson	George A.	2021
Coker,	John C., Sr.	2014	Dufresne,	Edgar C.	1981
Coles,	Rupert C.	2005	Duke,	Jeff C.	2024
Collins,	Albert A.	1992	Dunbar,	Thomas A.	2015
Collins,	Emmett C., Jr.	2015	Dungan,	Thomas E.	2018
Collins,	Frank C.	1982	Durand,	Dell S., Jr.	1976
Conerly,	Abe M.	1993	Durbin,	Benjamin	1984
Constable,	James E.	1993	Durbin,	Paul G.	2012
Cooke,	Jack	1995	Durham,	Floyd M.	2002
Cooke,	R. Leonard	1992	Dykes,	David L., Jr.	1997
Coppage,	Louis M., Jr.	1999	Eaker,	Robert C.	1993
Corie,	Finas P.	2008	Edwards,	Conrad Paul	2022
Corley,	E. W.	1973	Edwards,	Oakley E.	2008
Corley,	John David	2008	Einsel,	Alan Dee	2014
Corley,	Marvin H.	2005	Elder,	James	2015
Corrigan,	Retha V.	2015	Elliott,	Gary Lee	1998
Corry,	George H.	1985	Ellzey,	Howard D.	2011
Cotton,	LaMarylis	2018	Emanuel,	Samuel P.	1991
Cotton,	C. J. T.	1988	Ennis,	Ameal D.	2000
Crammer,	Heaton B.	2008	Ensanat,	Henry G.	1973
Crichlow,	Robert Branker, Sr.	1997	Eubanks,	William I.	2011
Crofoot,	Raymond M.	2010	Evans,	James Oliver	2022
Crosby,	Thomas Oliver, Jr.	2017	Evans,	T. Nichols, Jr.	2017
Crotwell,	Claude M.	1979	Evans,	Pearl W.	1985
Crutchfield,	Finis A.	1987	Ezell,	Harry E.	1974
Cunningham	George B.	2020	Facen,	Sandy	1980
Cupples,	J. T., Jr.	2000	Fairley	James V., Sr.	2023
Cypian,	Wesley	2015	Fant	Elmer B.	2022

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Faurie	Gene M.	2020	Hamilton,	Barbara M.	2020
Felder,	M. David	2002	Hamilton,	John D. V., Jr.	1995
Fields,	LeRoy	1973	Hammond,	Ester	2017
Fike,	Charles E.	1986	Handy,	William T.	1983
Finnin,	William M.	1991	Harbuck,	George W.	2003
Fisher	Kenneth M.	2023	Hardy,	Oneal	1984
Flowers,	Ira w.	1990	Harkins,	George W.	1982
Floyd,	Charles L., Jr.	2019	Harper,	George W.	1978
Flurry,	Fred S.	1991	Harper,	Hunter "Jolly B"	1998
Foreman,	Douglas R.	1995	Harrington,	Robert F.	2003
Foreman,	L. Anderson	2005	Harris,	James T.	1987
Forman,	Brady Brock	2011	Harris,	Robert M.	1983
Francis,	Eddie	1996	Harrison,	Chapman J.	1981
Franklin,	Adam	1987	Harry,	Richard Henry	1998
Franklin,	Albert E.	1974	Haug,	Edward R.	1978
Franklin,	McKinley I.	2014	Hayes,	Charles H.	1982
Fraser,	William P.	1989	Hayes,	Robert D.	2009
Frazier,	Clyde C., Jr.	1998	Haynes,	Benjamin	1976
Friedrich,	Roland K.	2011	Haynes,	Leonard L., Jr.	1995
Fulkerson,	Maurice Dale	1995	Head	Michael T.	2022
Fuller,	Clarence G.	2018	Hearn,	John E.	1980
Gage,	Henry	1986	Hearne,	Falcon L.	1976
Gains,	Kelso	1989	Hebert,	Richard C.	2023
Gains,	Noel, Jr.	1975	Henderson,	Freddie C.	2013
Galloway,	Benedict A.	2001	Henkel,	C. Ed	2005
Garrett,	James T.	1983	Hensarling,	Kinard Dale, Jr.	2018
Garrett,	Roy L.	1986	Herr,	Cleveland B., Jr.	1998
Gentry,	R. Donald	2019	Hess,	George M.	2018
George,	Albert D.	1974	Higgs,	William R.	2003
Gibbs,	Hubert A.	1976	Hillard,	Clarence Lee	2017
Gieck,	John G.	1974	Hines,	Arthur L.	1978
Giessen,	Charles H.	1972	Hodges,	Alvin Swindell, Jr.	2021
Gilbert,	Lawrence L.	1995	Hodges,	James E.	2001
Gilbert,	Walter L.	1974	Hoekstra,	Barry	2014
Giles,	Mackey R.	2002	Hoffpauir,	C. Richard	2002
Giles,	William H.	1978	Hoffpauir,	Jerold R.	2004
Goldman,	Major M., Jr.	1990	Holladay,	Samuel S.	1982
Grambling,	James B.	1983	Holley,	Bonnie R.	1996
Grant,	Robert R.	1993	Hollingsworth,	Johnny	1975
Green,	Charles H.	1976	Holt,	M. Ray	2014
Grove,	Daniel M., Jr.	1993	Hood,	Boyd	2008
Guyre,	John W.	1997	Hotalen,	W. Earl	1984
Hall,	Blackmon	1991	House,	Edwin Hugh, Jr.	2016
Hall,	Claude O.	1973	Howell,	Halleys C.	1990
Hall,	Donald J.	2017	Howell,	William F.	1974
Hall,	William T.	2008	Howes,	Ted T.	1986

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Huber,	James R.	2004	Lapuyade,	Calvin O.	2022
Hudson	Howard L., Jr.	2020	Lavo,	John H.	2013
Hughley,	Donald L.	2006	Law,	Ashley T.	1985
Humphreys,	Charles B.	2003	Laws,	Willis	2021
Humphreys,	James H.	2012	Lawton,	Bob Lee	2021
Hurley,	Albert Sidney	1995	Lee,	Chang Kyu	2010
Irving,	Sidney E.	2012	Lee,	John M.	2011
Irving,	William R., Jr.	1973	Lee,	Oakley	1987
Jackson,	Moses T.	1992	Logan,	James T.	2020
Jacocks,	William M.	2005	London,	William R., Jr.	1987
Jamieson,	Robert H.	1976	Longfellow,	Harold W.	2006
Jarrell,	William J.	1977	Love,	Ira A.	1978
Jennings,	Lee C.	2000	Lowe,	Terral T.	2006
Johns,	Henry L.	1985	Lowry,	David T.	2002
Johns,	John R.	2014	Lueg,	Carl F., Sr.	2003
Johnson,	Curtin	2015	Lynch,	Wesley O., Jr.	2005
Johnson,	Dorothy W.	1998	Lynch,	Wesley O., Sr.	1977
Johnson,	Eddie Carroll	2007	Lyons,	Denver Dale	2013
Johnson,	Jerry Lee	2021	MacDonald,	Donald E.	1993
Jones,	Frank M.	2023	Maddin,	James Lawrence	2016
Jones,	James W.	2023	Malone,	I. Elmer	1995
Jones,	Kenneth R.	2020	Marcel,	Lionel J.	2003
Jones,	Lael S.	1997	Marcussen,	Helen P.	2014
Jones,	Russell L.	2006	Martin,	B. Joseph	1996
Jones,	James A.	1987	Martin,	Carey A.	1988
Jordan,	Clinton A.	1985	Martin,	William D.	1974
Joyner,	Travis L.	1985	Matthews,	James William, Jr.	1997
Keasler,	Edwin A.	1981	Mayo,	S. Alvin	2006
Kellogg,	John F.	1977	Mayo,	William F.	2009
Kelly,	Steven R.	2022	McCann,	James B.	1972
Kennedy,	Maria J.	2010	McCammon,	Charles R.	1981
Kennedy,	Edward A., Jr.	1982	McCarty,	Floyd	1981
Kilpatrick,	John F.	1973	McClain,	Joe Wayne	2011
Kimble,	E. Eugene	2002	McCoy,	Isaiah L.	1983
King,	John L., Jr.	1972	McCrory,	John D.	1974
King,	Thomas F.	1991	McCutcheon,	William M.	2022
King,	Willis J.	1976	McDowell,	Kenneth G.	1977
Kirk,	N. James	2002	McElroy,	Talmadge, III	1994
Knight,	James A.	1977	McGowen,	Dorothy M.	1994
Koelemay,	John B.	2007	McGuire,	Douglas L.	2015
Krestensen,	Lucie M.	2006	McKay,	Emmett L.	1973
Krumnow,	Clarence Benny	1997	McKeithen,	J. Pierce	2000
Lafayette,	Willie R.	2001	McKisson,	Theron T.	1981
Lambert,	John N.	1977	McKnight,	Alton A.	1975
Lancaster,	Thomas Major	1995	McLaurin,	Michael Dean	2022
Langford,	Nathaniel R.	2021	McLean,	James A.	2023
Lankford,	Frank C.	1986	McLean,	William Douglas	1998
Lantrip,	S. L.	1973	McLemore,	Cage M.	2020

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McMullen,	Mary Nannette	2016	Peterson,	Robert W.	2007
McVay,	George A., Jr.	2003	Petty,	Benjamin	2018
Mead,	Frederick A.	1996	Peyton,	Owen H.	2013
Means,	Jerry A.	2022	Peyton,	Robert L.	2011
Means,	Jesse L.	2023	Peyton,	Thomas B., III	1980
Medak,	Pete	2000	Phelps,	Gerry Charlotte	2016
Meek,	Richard R.	2017	Phelps,	Jack Dean	2018
Melbert,	Nathaniel	1985	Pickens,	Edward O.	1995
Merrill,	Merlin W.	2000	Pinckard,	Henry O.	1972
Messer,	Glendon R.	1991	Pinkard,	Collins D.	1999
Midyett,	Jack H.	1988	Pledger,	William F.	1984
Milem,	Lewis E.	1985	Poledore,	Joseph M.	1991
Miles,	James C.	1984	Pollar,	Alfred M.	1995
Miller,	Robert	2015	Pomeroy,	George W.	1976
Miller,	William J.	2002	Pomeroy,	Webb D.	1990
Milo,	Howard L.	1992	Poole,	Daniel W.	1987
Milton,	Willie D.	1988	Poole,	James M.	2018
Mims,	Cecil C.	2001	Poss,	A. Richard	2003
Moch,	Abraham L.	1987	Potter,	Robert L.	2017
Montegudo,	John Sidney, Jr.	2022	Pratt,	Marvin a.	1997
Moore,	Daniel, Sr.	1973	Pyles,	Jimmie D.	2012
Moore,	Fred B., Jr.	2005	Quaid,	Cleburne W.	1997
Moreland,	Byrl J., Jr.	2000	Raymond,	Fulton A., Sr.	2020
Morgan,	Donald R.	2019	Reagan,	Wesley C.	2011
Morgan,	Eddie E., Jr.	2010	Redman,	John T.	1973
Morgan,	Jarrell	2015	Reed,	Kenneth R.	2022
Morris,	Virgil D.	1993	Reeves,	Allen R.	1973
Mouser,	Roy E.	2007	Reeves,	Allen R., Jr.	1992
Murray,	Robert S.	2000	Reeves,	Samuel D.	2015
Myers,	Allen E.	1991	Reid,	William J.	1991
Nance,	Lester N.	1990	Rheams,	Marguerite Jordon	2022
Nash,	Roy B.	2022	Rhyan,	Henry J.	1987
Nelson,	Judy Edwards	2014	Rickey,	Henry A.	1977
Norris,	Leslie P., Jr.	2023	Risinger,	Donald M.	2005
Norris,	William	1972	Rives,	Ernest Eugene	2021
Nugent,	David F.	2019	Robertson	Minns S.	2010
Oldham,	John R.	1995	Robinson,	Ira M.	2010
Oliphint,	Benjamin R.	2007	Robinson,	Joe H.	1995
Olmsted,	Lewis L.	2009	Rorie,	Kenneth G.	1986
Ovenshire,	Lewis F.	1978	Rorie,	Thomas O., Jr.	1975
Owens,	Nancy L.	2022	Rountree,	Joseph L., Jr.	2020
Parks,	W. Ed, Sr.	2003	Rousseau,	Emile A, Jr.	2022
Patton,	Isaac A., Jr.	2008	Rowe,	Thomas H.	1977
Peabody,	David Barrett	2018	Rowell,	William A., Jr.	2010
Pearce,	George F., Jr.	2005	Sanfiel	Juan F.	1985
Peel,	L. Alton, Sr.	2009	Sanfiel,	Marta L.	2017
Perrott,	Talmage W.	1984	Sanson,	Riley W., Jr.	2004
Perry,	Nathaniel P.	2002	Sartor,	William W.	1972

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Sawyer,	Levi M.	1972	Staples,	R. H.	1973
Sayes,	John R.	2000	Stapleton,	Oliver C.	1986
Scarf,	John E.	2004	Stearns,	Louis L., Jr.	1990
Schaub,	James R.	2020	Stegall,	William G.	1994
Schwendimann,	Fred W.	1996	Stewart,	Henry L.	1985
Scott,	Leon C.	1979	Stokes,	William M., Jr.	2020
Scott,	Lloyd E.	2007	Stout,	Ned L.	1996
Seegers,	Sidney A.	1972	Stovall,	James L.	2002
Seiler,	Joseph E.	1981	Strozider,	John D.	1990
Sewell,	John H.	2001	Sweat,	Willie B.	1981
Sewell,	John Howard	2017	Sweazie,	Hurvey, Jr.	2020
Shamblin,	J. Kenneth	1983	Sylvest,	Edwin E.	1987
Shamlin,	Brunetta A.	2020	Tatum,	Eskel L.	1990
Shaw,	Clyde T.	1987	Taylor,	Alta G.	1993
Shaw,	William B.	1994	Taylor,	Byron C.	1981
Shearer,	John B.	1984	Taylor,	Luther W.	1986
Sheehan,	David J.	2020	Taylor,	Robert Edward	2014
Sherman,	George H., Jr.	1995	Taylor,	Robert S.	1992
Shirley,	Fred O.	2012	Taylor,	Wayne G.	2021
Sibley,	Lonnie M.	2004	Templeton,	Roger A.	2019
Sibley,	Pleasant	1987	Terry,	Byrd L.	2007
Simon,	Dan C.	2002	Thomas,	Edward L.	1993
Simmons,	William Odell	2021	Thomas,	Edward R.	2008
Singletary,	Paul Cyr, Sr.	2015	Thomas,	Fletcher	1972
Sirman,	William V.	2003	Thomas,	George L.	2017
Skinner,	James C.	2023	Thornton,	Dorcas	2018
Slater,	Ellis C.	1979	Tisdale,	William O.	1977
Sloane,	Bentley R.	2002	Tohline,	Daniel W.	2010
Small,	Caesar D.	1991	Tooke,	Karl B.	1998
Smalley,	Zacharrah	1972	Tosso,	Emile	2018
Smith,	Alvin P.	1975	Townsend,	A. W.	1979
Smith,	Bernard R.	1987	Townsend,	Robert A.	2001
Smith,	Edgar D.	1982	Trammell-Kelly,	Jayne	2013
Smith,	Gordon L., Sr.	2014	Transpers,	Roger J.	1993
Smith,	H. Austin	2012	Trickett,	J. Albert	2001
Smith,	James A.	1996	Turner,	William Vice	2016
Smith,	Theodore	1990	Underwood,	Walter L.	1987
Snelling,	Clarence	2018	Van Horn,	Gary LeRoy	2022
Snelling,	Murdock M., Jr.	2007	Vining,	Kirby A.	2009
Solomon,	Joe Davis	2016	Wade,	Gilbert H., Jr.	2006
Southall,	Obie J.	2019	Walker,	Charles S., Jr.	1973
Spell,	Heidi Helen	2022	Walker,	M. Rolly	2023
Spinks,	Otis W.	1987	Walker,	Samuel E., Sr.	2008
Spinks,	Thurman	1973	Wall,	J. Taylor	1975
Squyres,	Rex	1993	Wallace,	Jefferson C.	2008
St. Amant,	Alfred D., Jr.	1981	Wallace,	Thomas R., Jr.	1976
Stage,	Francis M., Jr.	1984	Walton,	Aubrey G.	1978
Standley	Theo S.	2024	Walton,	Richard E.	2006

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Warren,	B. Ramon	2020
Washington,	Charles L.	1989
Washington,	John W.	1973
Washington-Mitchell,	Marva L.	2022
Weber,	Theodore R.	2023
Welch,	Carlos A.	2020
Wendt,	W. R.	1991
Wesley,	John L.	1978
Wesley,	Marshall	1995
Westbrook,	Van L.	1981
Wethers,	Carl T.	1986
White,	C. B.	1990
Wilbur,	Christmas C.	2022
Wiley,	Mikel A.	1998
Wilkes,	James M.	1994
Williams,	Brady W.	1980
Williams,	Douglas T.	1982
Williams,	J. W.	1992
Williams,	John N.	2011
Williams,	Lasan A.	1982
Williams,	Nathaniel P.	1996
Williams,	Robert	2001
Williamson,	Harvey G.	2005
Williamson,	Stephen R.	1996
Willis,	Terry Clovis	2021
Willis,	Willie H.	1982
Willson,	William G.	2010
Wilson,	James W.	1992
Wilson,	John F.	1982
Wilson,	L. Gray	2004
Wilson,	Thomas A.	2010
Windham,	Joseph H.	2009
Winegeart,	Jack S.	1995
Wineinger,	Donald E.	2000
Wingfield,	Aubrey E.	1972
Winn,	John M., Jr.	2023
Wood,	Jerry	2018
Wood,	Karl D.	2021
Woodfork,	Wilmer T.	1989
Woodland,	James Philip	2015
Woodward,	James R.	2003
Worthy,	Walter C.	2005
Wright-Butler,	Helena	2018
Wyatt,	Elizabeth A.	2021
Yeager,	Ira L.	1979
York,	George D.	1987
Young,	Cleveland	1972
Zerangue,	John	1980
Zerger,	Melvin D.	2007

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Full-time Local Pastors and Part-time Local Pastors under appointment are included in Section VI - Business of the Annual Conference; Part II - Pertaining to Ordained and Licensed Clergy; question 21 a & b.

Abbreviation Key: **RE** - Retired Full Connection Elder; **RD** - Retired Full Connection Deacon; **RA** - Retired Associate Member; **LOA** - Leave of Absence; **Incl** - Incapacity Leave; **Fam** - Family Leave; **TransL** - Transitional Leave; **FE** - Full Connection Elder; **FD** - Full Connection Deacon; **AM** - Associate Member; **PE** - Provisional Elder; **PD** - Provisional Deacon; **Sab** - Sabbatical Leave; **ILOA** - Involuntary Leave of Absence; **RPM** - Retired Probationary Member; **DM** - Diaconal Minister

Name	Relation	Conference	Provisional	Full Connection	Deacon	Elder	Transfer	Retired
Akin, Frank B.	RE	LA	1990	1993	1990	1993		2005
Allen, Augustus M.	RE	MS	1977	1979	1977	1979	2007	2017
Allen, Deirdre Beth	FE	LA	2019	2022		2022		
Allen, Virginia P.	RE	MS	2005	2009		2009	2007	2017
Alston, Ellen R.	FE	L Rock	1988	1992	1988	1992	1991	
Anglim, Shawn M.	FE	LA	2001	2004		2004		
August, Terrance S.	RE	LA	1975	1978	1975	1978		2024
Avery, Donald R.	RE	SN Eng	1969	1972	1969	1972	1971	2014
Awotwi, Joseph D.	RE	LA	1997	2001		2001		2019
Babcock, Mary Jo	RDM	LA						2024
Babin, Harold B.	RA	LA			1971			2005
Bakewell, Alfred, III	RE	LA	1985	1988	1985	1988		2015
Bares, Weldon C.	FE	LA	1978	1981	1978	1981		
Baringer, John F.	RE	LA	1961	1964	1961	1964		1976
Barnes, Timothy J.	FE	LA	2018	2021		2021		
Barrett, James W., Jr.	RE	LA	1997	2000		2000		2018
Bates, Patricia T.	RD	LA	2006	2009	2009			2012
Benge, Mark B., Sr.	RE	LA	1980	1984	1980	1984		2020
Berne, Kelly B.	FE	LA	2015	2018		2018		
Bethley, Ramonalynn	FE	LA		2001		1996		
Billings, C. David	RE	LA	1979	1986	1979	1986		2013
Black, Katie Lynn	FE	LA	2016	2019		2019		
Blakely, William C.	RE	LA	1956	1959	1957	1959		1999
Blankenbaker, Louis G.	RE	LA	1971	1974	1971	1974		2007
Blue, Ellen J.	RE	LA	1994	1997	1994	1997		2019
Bookter, Colleen A.	FE	LA	2013	2016		2016		
Boudreaux, Irvin J.	RE	LA	2003	2006		1979		2021
Boutte, Alice Gautreaux	PE	LA	2022					
Bowers, Rebecca W.	PD	LA	2020					
Bowman, Kenneth R.	RE	LA	1985	1988	1985	1988		2011
Boyd, T. Edward, Jr.	RE	LA	1978	1981	1973	1981		2014
Braden, M. John	RE	IA	1964	1966	1964	1966	1977	1992
Branch, Dale E.	RE	LA	1986	1990	1986	1990		2012
Branton, L. Ray	RE	LA	1955	1959	1955	1959		1998
Bray, Mark A.	FE	LA	1993	1995	1993	1995		
Breaux, Consuella F.	RD	LA		1999	1999			2013
Broderick, Linda K.	FD	LA	2012	2015	2015			
Brooks, Chad D.	FE	LA	2012	2015		2015		
Brown, Arnold V.	RE	LA	1988	1990	1988	1990		2023
Brown, Lance E.	RPM	LA	1993		1993			2014
Bryson, Eugene	FE	CTX		2023		2023	2023	
Bulhof, Angela C.	FE	Cen.PA	1999	2006		2006	2003	
Bullard, Lyndle R.	RE	LA	1991	1994	1991	1994		2011
Burleigh, Elaine M.	RE	LA	2005	2008		2008		2021

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Cannon, John A.	FE	LA	2002	2005		2005		
Caraway, Steven W.	RE	LA	1972	1975	1972	1975		2012
Caraway, Stone W.	RE	LA	1955	1958	1955	1958		1998
Carlson, Cathy S.	RE	LA	1976	1979	1976	1979		2011
Carpenter, Eddie	RE	LA	2008	2011		2011		2014
Carroll, Kenneth M.	RE	LA	1974	1978	1974	1978		2020
Carter, Clair L.	FD	LA	2017	2020	2020			
Castro, Amy D.	PE	LA	2024					
Childs, Howard B.	RE	L Rock	1954	1957	1956	1957	1980	1994
Civils, Carol A.	RD	LA	2007	2011	2011			2016
Clark, Davis W.	RE	LA	1998	2001		2001		2022
Cockburn, Richard L.	RE	LA	1998	2001		2001		2022
Collins, Jacqueline King	LOA	LA	2006	2009		2009		
Comeaux, Joy L.	FE	LA	2013	2016		2016		
Comer, James F.	RE	N MS	1976	1978	1976	1978	1981	1996
Connelly, Joey D.	RE	LA	1995	1999		1995		2023
Conner, Jeffery D.	RE	LA	1989	1994		1994		2021
Conner, Rebecca D.	RE	LA	1990	1999	1990	1999		2019
Conrad, Clifton C., Sr.	FE	LA	2007	2010		2010		
Coplin, Brian E.	FE	LA	2021	2024		2024		
Cotton-Winn, Carole	RE	LA	1970	1972	1970	1972		2012
Cottrill, Donald C.	RE	TN	1969	1972	1969	1972	1971	2016
Crews, Pamela G.	RD	LA		2001	2001			2018
Crise, Gerald R.	RE	LA	2007	2010		2010		2018
Curry, L. Chris	RE	LA	1987	1989	1987	1989		2024
Curwick, Jan H.	RE	LA	1999	2002		2002		2023
Cushenberry, Elenora M.	RE	LA	2004	2008		2008		2021
Davis, Gregory R.	RE	LA	1987	1989	1987	1989		2022
Davis, Heide E.	RE	LA	1983	1988	1983	1988		2011
Davis, L. Craig	FE	LA	2015	2018		2018		
Davis, M. Janet	RD	LA	2006	2009	2009			2021
Dear, Willis W.	RE	LA	1966	1970	1966	1970		2007
Debo, Hubert F.	RD	LA		1998	1998			2011
Deich, Robert L.	RE	N AL	1986	1988	1986	1988	1986	2021
DeLaureal, Shannon C.	FE	LA	2005	2008		2008		
Deschner, John G.	RE	LA	1992	1996	1992	1996		2020
DeVilbiss, Edith L.	RE	LA	2011	2014		2014		2020
DeWitt, David R.	FE	LA	1985	1990	1985	1990		
Dietzel, David B.	RE	LA	1987	1989	1987	1989		2016
Dilworth, J. Edwin	RE	LA	1966	1974	1966	1974		2013
Dolph, Thomas E.	RE	LA	1986	1990	1986	1990		2024
Donakey, Joseph M.	RE	LA	2001	2005	1989	2005		2019
Drash, Deborah L.	RE	LA	1982	1985	1982	1985		2014
Duke, Barbara S.	RE	LA	1982	1984	1982	1984		2019
Dunbar, Walton C.	RE	NM	1974	1976	1974	1976	2001	2013
Eaves, Betsy B.	RE	LA	2010	2013		2013		2022
Eden, Curtiss D.	RE	LA	1993	1998	1993	1998		2007
Edwards, Hadley R.	RE	NW TX	1986	1988		1988	1997	2021
Einsel, Barbara C.	RD	LA		1997	1997			2010
Evans, A. Wayne	RE	LA	1973	1980	1973	1980		2015
Ferguson, Susan M.	RE	LA	2006	2009		2009		2018
Feske, Millicent C.	RE	LA	1979	1981	1979	1981		2010
Feurtado, Rhonda E.	FE	LA	1992	1994	1992	1994		
Finnell, M. Eugene	RE	LA	1971	1974	1971	1974		2014
Fitzhugh, Kathy C.	RE	LA	2007	2010		2010		2023

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Fitzpatrick, Joshua M.	FE	N TX					2024	
Fleming, Stephen C.	RE	LA	1976	1980	1976	1980		2016
Fogle, Joseph E.	RE	LA	1960	1962	1960	1962		1990
Ford, W. Ralph	RE	LA	1993	1995		1993		2014
Foreman, Peggy B.	RE	LA	2002	2005		2005		2015
Fortuna, David F.	RE	LA	1983	1986	1983	1986		2013
Foster, Carolyn O.	RD	LA		1998	1998			2006
Fowler, Gloria	FE	N TX					2018	
Fraser, Fred M.	RA	LA			1993			2004
Frazier, Percy M.	RA	LA			1992			2002
Frazier-McGuin, Lauren	FD	LA	2009	2012	2012			
Galatas, Robert I.	RE	LA	1953	1957	1953	1957		1994
Garcia, Jose	FE	LA	1988	1993	1988	1993		
Gaughan, Leah S.	FD	LA	2016	2020	2020			
Gaughan, Peter G.	FamL	LA	2015	2018		2018		
Gilliam, W. Craig	FE	LA		2004		1996		
Gilmore, John W.	RE	W OH					2018	2020
Ginn, DeWitt M.	RE	LA	1969	1971	1969	1971		2000
Glass, Allison Kate	FE	LA	2019	2022		2022		
Gleason, Daniel P.	FE	LA	1990	1994	1990	1994		
Godwin, Cheri L.	RE	LA	2009	2012		2012		2020
Goff, E. Andrew	FE	LA	1994	1996	1994	1996		
Goins, Mark J.	FE	LA	1997	2000		2000		
Graber, Cindy M.	RE	LA	1997	2003		2003		2023
Graham, James A.	RE	LA	1968	1971	1968	1971		2011
Griffin, Bertrand	RE	LA	1962	1964	1962	1964		1998
Griffin, Bertrand, II	FE	LA	2013	2016		2016		
Guo, Joseph Z.	FE	LA	2004	2008		2008		
Hamilton, Joseph E.	FE	LA	1996	2000	1996	2000		
Harper, John Edd	RD	FL		1997	1997		2004	2021
Harris, Michelle P.	FE	LA	2017	2020		2020		
Harrison, J. Klay	LOA	LA	2016	2019		2019		
Hatfield, Kibbie E.	RE	LA	1980	1982	1980	1982		2014
Haynes, James F.	RE	LA	1993	1996	1993	1996		2006
Henry, Willie L.	RE	LA	1970	1973	1970	1973		2009
Hickman, Regina	RA	LA			2001			2021
Higginbotham, Johnnie M., Jr.	RE	LA	1986	1990		1986		2017
Hilbun, Jerry G.	RE	Memphis	1974	1976	1972	1976	1982	2014
Hills, Derrick D.	FE	LA	1996	1999	1996	1999		
Hogewood, Jay C.	FE	LA	2015	2018		2018		
Hollis, Robert E.	RE	L Rock	1989	1991	1989	1991	1994	2009
Hooton, C. Frances	FE	LA	1993	1996	1993	1996		
Hooton, Richard C.	RE	LA	1994	1996	1994	1996		2016
Horne, Newton M., Jr.	RA	LA			2000			2018
Horton, J. Ryan, Jr.	RE	LA	1964	1967	1964	1967		2006
Horvath, Marissa Teauseau	FE	LA	2013	2016		2016		
Howe, Thomas L., Jr.	RE	SW TX	1981	1984	1981	1984	1982	2022
Howell, Katherine G.	RE	LA	2004	2007		2007		2024
Howington, L. Wayne	RA	LA			1995			2009
Huber, Sandra B.	RE	LA	1990	1993	1990	1993		2005
Humphries, Richard H.	RE	LA	1984	1987	1984	1987		2021
Hyacinth, Leslie G.	FE	LA	2003	2006		2006		
Irby, Kenneth W.	RE	LA	1985	1987	1985	1987		2020
Johnson, Bernadine	RD	LA		2001	2001			2018
Johnson, T. Alan	FE	LA	2012	2015		2015		

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Jones, William L., Sr.	RE	LA	1967	1969	1967	1969		2011
Joseph, Linda A.	RD	LA	2003	2006	2006			
King, Katrena P.	PD	LA	2023					
King, Jonathan S.	FE	LA	2001	2004		2004		
Klaus, Karl S.	FE	N TX	1982	1987	1982	1987	1993	
Lars, Sonya R.	FE	LA	2012	2015		2015		
Lathan, Roger D.	RE	LA	1972	1975	1972	1975		2012
Laws, Willie	RA	LA			2003			2016
Lawson, Timothy E.	RE	LA	1974	1978	1974	1978		2016
London, Steve N.	RD	LA	2010	2013	2013			2021
Love, Terry A.	RE	LA	1993	1997	1993	1997		2013
Lowe, Jessica A.	FE	LA	2015	2019		2019		
Lyon, Tiffany Sylvia	FD	LA	2020	2023	2023			
MacKenzie, Tracy L.	RE	LA	1989	1992	1989	1992		2023
Mallard, Latrice S.	FD	LA	2020	2023	2023			
Mallory, Todd W.	LOA	LA	2009	2012		2012		
Martin, Mark. R.	RE	LA	1977	1979	1977	1979		2020
Matthews, Lenda Faye	FD	LA	2018	2021	2021			
Maxwell, G. Larry, Sr.	RE	L Rock	1966	1968	1966	1968	1970	2008
McConnell, M. Theresa	RE	LA	1976	1981	1976	1981		2016
McDowell, Mary M.	RD	LA	2006	2009	2009			2021
McGee, Kimberly L.	FD	LA	2019	2022	2022			
McGee, Mollie A.	FE	LA	2005	2009		2009		
McGuin, Herbert W., III	FD	LA	2009	2012	2012			
McGuire, Ashley J.	FE	LA	2009	2012		2012		
McKinzie, R. Lee	RE	TX	1978	1984	1984	2008		2013
Melville, David R., Jr.	RE	LA	2003	2006		2006		2023
Miller, Daniel H.	FE	LA	1988	1994	1988	1994		
Miller, Larry G.	RE	LA	1977	1981	1977	1981		2018
Millet, Virginia D.	RE	LA	1993	1997	1993	1997		2020
Milton, W. Spiller	RE	L Rock	1962	1967	1962	1967	1967	2005
Monk, Monica G.	FE	LA	1997	2006		2006		
Montegudo, Ellen B.	RE	LA	1993	1997	1993	1997		2012
Moore, Darlene A.	RE	LA	1991	1993	1991	1993		2022
Moore, James B.	FE	LA	2003	2007		2007		
Moore, Mary Rachel	FE	LA	2021	2024		2024		
Moore, Roy Bryan	FE	LA	1996	1999		1996		
Morgan, J. Penn	RE	LA	1969	1973	1969	1973		2009
Morris, Lewis M., Jr.	RE	LA	2009	2012		2012		2018
Moses, Anice N.	RE	LA	2005	2008		2008		2023
Murray, Barbara L.	RD	LA		2000	2000			2011
Neustifter, Timothy J.	FE	NM	1991	1993	1991	1993	2002	
Nichols, Randall K.	RE	LA	1974	1977	1974	1977		2018
Nolan, William E.	RE	LA	1954	1958	1955	1958		1995
Norman, Larry D.	RE	N MS	1975	1978	1975	1978	1983	2015
Northen, Elizabeth M.	RE	LA	1997	2002		2002		2016
Norton, Kenneth D.	RE	LA	1963	2003	1963	1966		2011
O'Bannon, M. Quinn	FE	LA	1999	2002		2002		
O'Dell, Larry D.	RE	LA	1975	1979	1975	1979		2015
O'Dell, M. Jack	RE	LA	1979	1982	1979	1982		2015
Ogden, McConnell-Switzer, Rachel	LOA	LA	2014	2017		2017		
Orphe, Martha M.	Incl	W PA					2006	
Parker, Walter L., Jr.	RE	LA	1992	1996	1992	1996		2021
Parr, Walter L., Jr.	RE	SW TX	1968	1972	1969	1972	1985	2010
Peebles, William D.	RE	LA	1964	1967	1964	1967		2005

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Pickett, Kennon W.	FE	LA	2019	2022		2022		
Pidgeon, Karli D.	FE	N IL	2009	2011		2011	2012	
Player, Oscar E.	RA	LA			1987			2018
Poole, Franklin P.	RE	LA	1958	1963	1958	1963		1999
Porter, Steven J.	FE	LA	1984	1987	1984	1987		
Postell, Tiffanie C.	FE	LA	2018	2021		2021		
Pounds, Deborah J.	FE	N TX	2014	2018		2018	2018	
Price, Wybra J., II	FE	LA	1991	1995	1991	1995		
Pridmore, Lisa A.	FE	MS					2024	
Ramsey, W. Dwight	RE	SW TX	1971	1972	1971	1972	1974	2006
Rawle, Matthew B.	FE	LA	2007	2010		2010		
Reid, James W.	RA	LA			2003			2022
Rhoads, Carl E., III	RE	Memphis	1996	1968	1966	1968	1976	2008
Rice, Joe C.	RE	LA		1973		1973		2022
Richardson, C. Gerald	RE	LA	1978	1982	1978	1982		2007
Richardson, Johnathan C.	FE	LA	2023	2024		2001		
Riecke, Jane Y.	RE	R Mtn.	1985	1989		1989	2016	2018
Rinehart, Austin C.	FE	LA	2016	2019		2019		
Roberson, Kermit C.	FE	LA	2015	2019		2019		
Roberts, Christine A.	RD	LA	2002	2005	2005			2018
Robertson, Larry D.	RE	LA	1959	1961	1959	1961		1997
Roper, Charles B.	RE	LA	1983	1987		1983		2002
Ross, R. Don	RE	LA	1976	1977	1976	1979		2019
Rowland, Robert G.	RE	LA	1972	1975	1972	1975		2009
Roy, Pamela F.	RA	LA			2001			2016
Russo, Magdeline R.	PD	LA	2023					
Sabin, Paul E.	RE	MS	1964	1967	1964	1967	1995	2008
Sanders, Jean F.	RE	LA	2003	2006		2006		2020
Sandifer, C. Shannon	RD	LA	2009	2012	2012			2020
Scott, Ernest E.	RA	LA			1995			2015
Scott, Rachel L.	DM	LA						
Scott-Welch, J. Richard	RE	LA	1974	1980	1974	1980		2005
Sewell, J. Reynolds, IV	LOA	LA	2017	2020		2021		
Sherer, Carol	RD	LA		1998	1998			2007
Sherman, M. Stuart	RE	LA	1986	1991	1986	1991		2023
Shoup, Sarah W.	FD	LA	2005	2008	2008			
Sikes, Allison S.	FE	LA	2015	2018		2018		
Simpson, Kathryn McKay	FE	LA	2007	2010		2010		
Smith, Amanda R.	FE	LA	2017	2020		2020		
Smith, Dorothy J.	RE	N TX	1998	2002		2002	2002	2013
Smith, Elaine C.	RD	LA	2000	2003	2003			2006
Smith, S. Kemper	RE	LA	1984	1989		1989		2018
Southall, Ronald J.	FE	LA	2015	2018		2018		
Sparks, Cory L.	LOA	LA	2004	2007		2007		
Spencer, Juliet P.	FamL	LA	1989	1995	1989	1995		
Spiller, Ray R.	RE	LA	1964	1968	1964	1968		2005
Spitzkeit, James W.	RE	LA	1946	1948	1946	1948		1993
Stephens, Ulysse	RA	LA			1995			2003
Stiltner, Richard T.	RE	L Rock	1991	1993		1993	1991	1999
Stinson, Van A.	FE	E OH	1996	2001	1996	2001	2000	
Strawbridge, Bill E.	RA	LA (2009)						2012
Strickland, W. Mark	RE	LA	1992	1995		1992		2017
Stringfield, Mickey D.	RE	LA	1971	1973	1971	1973		2011
Stuermann, Megan McGuirt	FD	LA	2021	2024	2024			
Sutton, Andrew D.	FE	LA	2011	2014		2014		

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Sutton, C. Ann	RA	LA			2001			2021
Sweetwyne, Fredrick H.	FE	LA	2015	2019		2019		
Swire, Bradley W.	FE	LA	2012	2015		2015		
Taylor, J. Roddy	RE	LA	1971	1975	1971	1975		2012
Taylor, William C.	RE	LA	1977	1985	1977	1985		2023
Teeter, Richard O.	RE	LA	1986	1991	1986	1991		2007
Thompson, L. Deen	RE	LA	1962	1965	1962	1965		2024
Townsend, Robert E.	RE	LA	1969	1972	1969	1972		2008
Trickett, David G.	RE	LA	1972	1981	1972	1971		2019
Trousdale, Ann M.	RD	LA	2005	2008	2008			2014
Turnbull, Lisa L.	Incl	LA	1996	2001	1996	2001		
Tu'uta, H. Elizabeth Love	FE	LA	2000	2003		2003		
Tu'uta, Sione	FE	LA	2002	2005		2005		
Twyman, Carol S.	FD	LA	2020	2023	2023			
Twyman, Megan Leah	FE	LA	2021	2024		2024		
Varnado, Ray L.	RE	LA	2006	2009		2009		2020
Vining, John L.	RE	S GA	1972	1975	1972	1975	1979	2016
Wade, Leland D.	RE	NW IN	1964	1968	1964	1968	1968	2001
Wafer, Kathy S.	FamL	LA	2011	2014		2014		
Warren, Hulen C., Jr.	RE	LA	1975	1979	1975	1979		2017
Warren, Lusinda M.	RD	LA		1997	1997			2014
Watson, Grayson B.	RE	LA	1962	1964	1962	1964		2004
Watts, Linda Jane	RD	MS		2017	2017		2016	2022
Waughtal, Laraine G.	FE	C TX					2018	
Webb, Donald A.	RE	W OH	1961	1963	1961	1963	1977	1991
Weber, Robert A.	RE	LA	1986	1989	1986	1989		2024
Whitton, Brady S.	FE	LA	2001	2004		2004		
Wideman, Fred B.	RE	LA	1976	1980	1976	1980		2016
Wilkinson, Donald L.	FE	LA	2002	2005		2005		
Williams, Deborah B.	RE	LA	2006	2009		2009		2022
Williams, Jared R.	FE	LA	2009	2013		2013		
Williams, Karen F.	RE	LA	1986	1989	1986	1989		2018
Williams, Marie P.	RE	FL	1972	1976	1972	1976	1973	2015
Willis, Gary D.	FE	LA	1988	1991	1988	1991		
Willis, Ricky L.	RE	LA	1987	1990	1987	1990		2021
Wilson, James E.	RE	KY	1961	1964	1961	1964	1969	2000
Wimberly, Lorris M.	RE	LA	1969	1972	1969	1972		2014
Winn, Carol S.	RE	LA	1976	1979	1976	1979		2017
Winn, Lane C.	FE	LA	2008	2011		2011		
Wofford, Nancy E.	FE	LA	2001	2004		2004		
Wooden, Dianne P.	FD	LA	2009	2012	2012			
Wren, Regina L.	RD	LA		1997	1997			2008
Young, Alice K.	FE	LA	2015	2018		2018		
Young, Dawn B.	FD	LA	2005	2008	2008			
Youngblood, Gloria L.	Incl	LA	2008	2011		2011		
Youngblood, William L.	RE	MS	1963	1967	1963	1967	1992	2005
Zehner, Maximilian O.	FE	LA	2003	2007		2007		
Zehner, Sharon D.	RE	LA	2008	2000	2000	2012		2021

		Membership and Worship														
	District	Members at close of 2022	Received through Confirmation	Received by Profession of faith non-Confirmation	Restored	Added by correction	Transferred from a UMC	Transferred from a non-UMC	Removed by Charge Conf	Withdrawn	Removed by Correction	Transferred to another UMC	Transferred to a non-UMC	Removed by Death	Members at close of 2023	
Line # From Statistical Tables		1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
1	Alexandria	8017	19	9	3	2	35	23	7	12	490	41	2026	77	5354	1
2	Baton Rouge	21283	61	87	5	1531	109	69	219	174	936	86	277	195	19829	2
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	19013	70	50	7	73	121	87	122	166	3134	99	315	148	12965	3
4	Monroe	6193	22	11	1	0	46	30	0	59	737	130	3833	20	1496	4
5	New Orleans	12870	34	59	5	299	91	60	30	42	770	14	22	125	10803	5
6	Shreveport	14913	60	33	9	7	281	39	172	88	1006	288	5865	145	7740	6
	TOTALS	82289	266	249	30	1912	683	308	550	541	7073	658	12338	710	58187	

		Membership and Worship Cont.																
	District	Asian Members	Black/African Am Members	Hispanic/Latino Members	Native American Members	Pacific Islander Members	White Members	Multiracial Members	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total Membership Gender	Average Worship Attendance	Average Online Worship	Number Baptized Aged 0-12	Number Baptized Aged 13+	Total Number of Persons Baptized	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8	
1	Alexandria	6	1081	8	2	0	4244	13	5354	3096	2258	5354	1414	570	15	7	22	1
2	Baton Rouge	40	2878	62	6	5	16812	26	19829	11411	8418	19829	3798	8746	88	9	97	2
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	33	2415	37	210	2	10207	61	12965	7578	5387	12965	3122	1774	79	17	96	3
4	Monroe	16	229	4	0	0	1244	3	1496	841	655	1496	1261	365	20	6	26	4
5	New Orleans	97	3338	113	10	3	7147	95	10803	6712	4091	10803	2706	902	60	6	66	5
6	Shreveport	30	501	18	0	124	7060	7	7740	4245	3495	7740	3026	7287	31	20	51	6
	TOTALS	222	10442	242	228	134	46714	205	58187	33883	24304	58187	15327	19644	293	65	358	

		Mem. & Wor. Cont.		Christian Formation and Outreach Ministries											
	District	# Baptized but not Professing	Other Constituents	Children in Christian Formation Groups	Youth in Christian Formation Groups	Young Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Other Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Total Christian Formation Group Participants	Enrolled in Confirmation	Average Sunday School Attendance	VBS Participants	Number of SS Classes	Ongoing Small Groups/Classes Other than SS	Short Term Small Groups/Classes	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1	Alexandria	181	427	168	152	50	477	847	29	466	467	73	63	23	1
2	Baton Rouge	2127	2331	951	724	217	2271	4163	90	1257	1570	146	228	120	2
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	1148	1227	611	425	113	2223	3372	68	1088	971	108	177	135	3
4	Monroe	88	204	230	190	117	539	1076	21	529	427	55	46	39	4
5	New Orleans	454	1509	504	339	173	1418	2434	54	1006	939	91	155	72	5
6	Shreveport	1252	1848	461	354	120	1504	2439	256	1470	597	153	175	93	6
	TOTALS	5250	7546	2925	2184	790	8432	14331	518	5816	4971	626	844	482	

		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries Cont.										
	District	Membership UMM	Amount Paid By UMM for Projects	Membership UMW	Amount Paid By UMW for Projects	Number of VIM Teams Sent	Number of VIM Participants	Total Number of Ministries for Outreach, Justice & Mercy	Number of Ministries focused On Global/Regional Health	Number of Ministries focused On Poor/Marginalized	Number of Persons serving in Mission/Community Ministries	Number of Persons served by Justice & Mercy Ministries
	Line # From Statistical Tables	18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23
1	Alexandria	149	1020	344	14758	0	0	125	26	80	683	7334
2	Baton Rouge	367	17544	735	53583	1	8	329	84	208	3033	76550
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	180	8713	513	27973	3	22	313	61	232	3222	64113
4	Monroe	92	0	88	7028	1	14	97	23	76	1023	11009
5	New Orleans	375	8371	596	13538	1	65	206	72	242	1854	73822
6	Shreveport	92	3464	454	9544	3	37	277	43	164	1972	123463
	TOTALS	1255	39112	2730	126424	9	146	1347	309	1002	11787	356291

		Property & Assests				Apportionments			
	District	Market Value of Land, Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments
	Line # From Statistical Tables	24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a.	29b.
1	Alexandria	68211664	9802616	481979	34276	591906	0	572299	0
2	Baton Rouge	143653406	25347402	2077264	12653	1373640	0	1334943	0
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	119643929	24046818	207275	189910	987013	0	903604	0
4	Monroe	87622071	13886321	0	1000	781101	0	761023	0
5	New Orleans	95956705	18547433	1203382	381607	1090740	0	1017689	0
6	Shreveport	173021934	55238830	1756523	0	1176478	0	1113859	0
	TOTALS	688109709	146869420	5726423	619446	6000878	0	5703417	0

		Benevolences									
	District	Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.	
1	Alexandria	2739	0	272855	13	2590	13	422	9057	285	1
2	Baton Rouge	17686	0	71320	145	8943	145	155	300	155	2
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	12478	0	198213	370	6116	175	698	1724	704	3
4	Monroe	90	0	843605	0	1585	0	82	140	0	4
5	New Orleans	2696	0	263271	151	6597	50	302	1308	273	5
6	Shreveport	1855	0	839522	60	1804	40	243	6646	140	6
	TOTALS	37544	0	2488786	739	27635	423	1902	19175	1557	

	District	Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support		
		Native American Ministries Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40	
1	Alexandria	498	1399	119	18116	1348305	114847	124124	1
2	Baton Rouge	155	893	359	88808	6819667	304580	389552	2
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	667	787	395	45807	3155726	250178	323756	3
4	Monroe	0	0	0	7022	158482	64619	68545	4
5	New Orleans	337	669	221	18357	4051001	253643	266383	5
6	Shreveport	338	945	333	22400	3224550	201153	278579	6
	TOTALS	1995	4693	1427	200510	18757731	1189020	1450939	

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.	
	District	Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor /Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Compasrison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42	43	44	45	
1	Alexandria	730952	4200	0	137272	1400	0	138672	47283	0	1138686	1
2	Baton Rouge	1729697	104176	0	523878	68970	0	592848	119769	0	4413652	2
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	1540522	47535	0	281472	40125	0	321597	105714	0	2528349	3
4	Monroe	409722	15833	0	115356	14000	0	129356	30864	0	904652	4
5	New Orleans	1209956	12800	0	398838	0	0	398838	76835	0	1926063	5
6	Shreveport	996059	240853	19467	365171	81206	20750	467127	73586	0	3179530	6
	TOTALS	6616908	425397	19467	1821987	205701	20750	2048438	454051	0	14090932	

		Local Church Expenditures							Operati	Operating Income				
	District	Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid on Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number of Giving Units	Received Through Pledges	Received through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received through Unidentified Givers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	46	47a.	47L	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.	
1	Alexandria	195731	1055515	3311039	385257	1440772	113130	769720	6555991	1587	1976874	2375884	136442	1
2	Baton Rouge	552707	2854141	10366990	1005805	3859946	422958	1235083	21731103	4974	7614390	4979333	283749	2
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	348741	1693301	6585759	1447107	3140408	1605102	5991876	20267485	4072	4663574	3454111	219700	3
4	Monroe	220828	630182	2341437	243787	873969	0	52279	4014944	1152	1621589	1074120	136483	4
5	New Orleans	580803	1783286	5988581	1328681	3111967	186851	3344553	16053231	2954	3830769	3042393	259770	5
6	Shreveport	547575	1839593	7363790	551369	2390962	104861	1059275	14571092	3626	5466034	2694576	191498	6
	TOTALS	2446385	9856018	35957596	4962006	14818024	2432902	12452786	83193846	18365	25173230	17620417	1227642	

	District	Received through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Operating Income Cont.				Non-Operating Income				Total Received For Designated Funds/Projects	
			Received through Sale of Assets	Received through Fees, Rents, Contributions	Received through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received through Capital Campaigns	Received through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays, Advance Specials, etc		
	Line # From Statistical Tables	52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53	
1	Alexandria	147199	10804	75080	51627	4773910	289907	72060	434224	229373	1025564	1
2	Baton Rouge	195192	23172	608281	3706544	17410661	537361	521668	1106784	259841	2425654	2
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	301767	256906	549244	1514566	10959868	71095	825593	7450441	109322	8456451	3
4	Monroe	99842	9120	53609	338849	3333612	8965	42229	31913	17519	100626	4
5	New Orleans	602182	725	1029589	2092873	10858301	930917	3504	2252086	28549	3215056	5
6	Shreveport	449320	6167	187438	805948	9800981	15317	397180	371401	46216	830114	6
	TOTALS	1795502	306894	2503241	8510407	57137333	1853562	1862234	11646849	690820	16053465	

	District	Received through Equitable Comp	Received through Other Connectional Sources	Received through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income
	Line # From Statistical Tables	54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55
1	Alexandria	0	0	263689	263689	6063163
2	Baton Rouge	0	6375	1073024	1079399	20915714
3	Lake Charles-Acadiana	90212	4578	481949	576739	19993058
4	Monroe	1833	3666	3596	9095	3443333
5	New Orleans	102343	0	651668	754011	14827368
6	Shreveport	0	0	321300	321300	10952395
	TOTALS	194388	14619	2795226	3004233	76195031

		Membership and Worship															
	Alexandria	Members at close of 2022	Received through Confirmation	Received by Profession of faith non-Confirmation	Restored	Added by correction	Transferred from a UMC	Transferred from a non-UMC	Removed by Charge Conf	Withdrawn	Removed by Correction	Transferred to another UMC	Transferred to a non-UMC	Removed by Death	Members at close of 2023		
	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4		
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	422	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	15	407	1	
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC	0														2	
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	3	
4	ATLANTA UMC	20														4	
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	5	
6	BELAH UMC	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	6	
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	7	
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	41	8	
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	9	
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	10	
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	11	
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	12	
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	13	
14	COLFAX UMC	0														14	
15	COULEY UMC	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	15	
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST	0														16	
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL	0														17	
18	CROSS ROADS	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	18	
19	CROWVILLE	0														19	
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC	0														20	
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC	0														21	
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC	0														22	
23	EMMANUEL UMC	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	23	
24	EVERGREEN UMC	0														24	
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	25	
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	26	
27	GILBERT	0														27	
28	GLENMORA UMC	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	28	
29	GRAND CANE	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	52	0	0	29	
30	GRAYSON	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	30	
31	HALL SUMMIT	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	3	9	31	
32	HARRISONBURG	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	32	
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	6	1	17	33	
34	HEBERT	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	34	
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	81	1	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	89	35	
36	HOLLY GROVE	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	36	
37	HOPEWELL	0														37	
38	HORNBECK	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	38	
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	301	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	299	39	
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC	376	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	376	0	0	40	
41	JONESVILLE UMC	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	41	
42	KEATCHIE	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	42	
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	43	
44	LECOMPT UMC	102	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	8	2	3	1	80	44	
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	89	0	0	45	
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	46	
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	13	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	47	
48	LOGANSPORT, BETHEL	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	125	48	
49	LOGANSPORT, FIRST	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	1	166	49	
50	LOGANSPORT, MT. ZION	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	50	
51	LONGSTREET	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	51	
52	MANGHAM	0														52	
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	203	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	21	6	13	2	163	53	
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	54	
55	MANY, FIRST	255	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	13	0	3	246	55	
56	MARKSVILLE UMC	0														56	
	SUBTOTAL	3440	1	5	1	2	12	13	0	12	55	30	1068	39	2250		

	Alexandria	Members at close of 2022	Received through Confirmation	Received by Profession of faith non-Confirmation	Restored	Added by correction	Transferred from a UMC	Transferred from a non-UMC	Removed by Charge Conf	Withdrawn	Removed by Correction	Transferred to another UMC	Transferred to a non-UMC	Removed by Death	Members at close of 2023	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	7	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC	0														57
58	MCDONALD	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	58
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	33	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	33	59
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	93	60
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	911	5	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	248	1	7	7	663	61
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	34	62
63	NEWELLTON	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	63
64	NEWMAN UMC	201	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	198	64
65	OAKDALE UMC	78	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	73	65
66	OLLA UMC	0														66
67	PALESTINE UMC	156	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	156	0	0	67
68	PELICAN	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	68
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC	0														69
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	1204	9	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	11	3	66	8	1132	70
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	71
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	50	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	48	72
73	PLEASANT HILL	0														73
74	POLLOCK	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	86	0	0	74
75	PROVENCAL UMC	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	75
76	ROSA UMC	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	76
77	SHADY GROVE	234	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	77	0	0	6	157	77
78	SHILOH	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	78
79	SICILY ISLAND	81														79
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	1	12	80
81	ST. JOSEPH	126	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	66	0	0	0	66	81
82	STRANGE UMC	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	82
83	UNION	0														83
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	61	84
85	URANIA UMC	0														85
86	VIDALIA UMC	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	186	0	0	86
87	WEAVER UMC	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	27	87
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC	0														88
89	WILTON UMC	42	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	89
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	351	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	9	1	343	90
91	WINNSBORO	259	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	257	0	0	91
92	WISNER	0														92
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	55	0	0	93
	SUBTOTAL	4577	18	4	2	0	23	10	7	0	435	11	958	38	3104	
	TOTALS	8017	19	9	3	2	35	23	7	12	490	41	2026	77	5354	

		Membership and Worship Cont.																		
	Alexandria	Asian Members	Black/African Am Members	Hispanic/Latino Members	Native American Members	Pacific Islander Members	White Members	Multiracial Members	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total Membership Gender	Average Worship Attendance	Average Online Worship	Number Baptized Aged 0-12	Number Baptized Aged 13+	Total Number of Persons Baptized			
	Line # From Statistical Tables	5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8			
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	2	1	2	0	0	401	1	407	229	178	407	141	67	5	1	6	1	1	
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC																	2	2	
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	5	1	6	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	
4	ATLANTA UMC																	4	4	
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	27	16	11	27	18	0	0	0	0	5	5	
6	BELAH UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	0	108	0	0	0	0	0	108	57	51	108	65	0	1	0	1	7	7	
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	41	25	16	41	13	0	0	0	0	8	8	
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	81	42	39	81	18	0	0	0	0	9	9	
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	18	9	9	18	11	0	0	0	0	10	10	
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	9	7	16	9	2	0	0	0	11	11	
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	0	60	0	0	0	1	0	61	41	20	61	11	0	0	0	0	12	12	
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	17	11	6	17	17	0	0	0	0	13	13	
14	COLFAX UMC																	14	14	
15	COULEY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST																	16	16	
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL																	17	17	
18	CROSS ROADS	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	15	10	25	5	0	0	0	0	18	18	
19	CROWVILLE																	19	19	
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC																	20	20	
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC																	21	21	
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC																	22	22	
23	EMMANUEL UMC	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	7	7	14	10	0	0	0	0	23	23	
24	EVERGREEN UMC																	24	24	
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	0	14	0	0	0	1	0	15	8	7	15	8	25	0	0	0	26	26	
27	GILBERT																	27	27	
28	GLENMORA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	71	41	30	71	19	21	0	0	0	28	28	
29	GRAND CANE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	29	
30	GRAYSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	
31	HALL SUMMIT	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	4	5	9	4	0	0	0	0	31	31	
32	HARRISONBURG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	32	
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	0	16	0	0	0	0	1	17	8	9	17	19	0	0	0	0	33	33	
34	HEBERT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	34	
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	89	46	43	89	20	0	0	0	0	35	35	
36	HOLLY GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	36	
37	HOPEWELL																	37	37	
38	HORNBECK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	38	
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	0	6	0	0	0	290	3	299	156	143	299	60	40	0	0	0	39	39	
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	
41	JONESVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	41	
42	KEATCHIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	42	42	
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	33	26	7	33	8	0	0	0	0	43	43	
44	LECOMPTÉ UMC	1	0	0	0	0	79	0	80	50	30	80	27	4	0	0	0	44	44	
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45	
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	46	
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	0	14	0	0	0	2	0	16	7	9	16	12	3	0	1	1	47	47	
48	LOGANSPOUT, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	125	71	54	125	10	0	0	0	0	48	48	
49	LOGANSPOUT, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	166	0	166	105	61	166	44	23	0	0	0	49	49	
50	LOGANSPOUT, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	
51	LONGSTREET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	51	
52	MANGHAM																	52	52	
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	3	0	0	0	0	160	0	163	97	66	163	36	0	0	0	0	53	53	
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	100	84	16	100	19	23	0	0	0	54	54	
55	MANY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	246	0	246	122	124	246	63	100	0	1	1	55	55	
56	MARKSVILLE UMC																	56	56	
	SUBTOTAL	6	449	2	0	0	1788	5	2250	1291	959	2250	678	308	6	3	9			

		Membership and Worship Cont.																		
	Alexandria	Asian Members	Black/African Am Members	Hispanic/Latino Members	Native American Members	Pacific Islander Members	White Members	Multiracial Members	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total membership Gender	Average Worship Attendance	Average Online Worship	Number Baptized Aged 0-12	Number Baptized Aged 13+	Total Number of Persons Baptized			
	Line # From Statistical Tables	5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8			
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC																	57	57	
58	MCDONALD	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	2	8	6	0	0	0	0	58	58	
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	1	0	0	32	0	33	23	10	33	14	0	0	0	0	59	59	
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	0	92	1	0	0	0	0	93	54	39	93	42	10	0	0	0	60	60	
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	0	1	4	1	0	649	8	663	359	304	663	190	59	5	0	5	61	61	
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	22	12	34	10	0	0	0	0	62	62	
63	NEWELLTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	63	
64	NEWMAN UMC	0	198	0	0	0	0	0	198	152	46	198	45	35	1	0	1	64	64	
65	OAKDALE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	73	47	26	73	25	0	0	0	0	65	65	
66	OLLA UMC																	66	66	
67	PALESTINE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	67	
68	PELICAN	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	20	14	34	8	0	0	0	0	68	68	
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC																	69	69	
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	0	7	0	0	0	1125	0	1132	634	498	1132	185	112	2	0	2	70	70	
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC	0	66	0	0	0	1	0	67	37	30	67	10	0	1	0	1	71	71	
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	48	29	19	48	16	0	0	0	0	72	72	
73	PLEASANT HILL																	73	73	
74	POLLOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	74	
75	PROVENCAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75	
76	ROSA UMC	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	2	20	0	0	0	76	76	
77	SHADY GROVE	0	155	0	0	0	2	0	157	94	63	157	51	0	0	4	4	77	77	
78	SHILOH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	78	
79	SICILY ISLAND																	79	79	
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	8	4	12	11	0	0	0	0	80	80	
81	ST. JOSEPH	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	66	42	24	66	28	15	0	0	0	81	81	
82	STRANGE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	5	5	10	13	0	0	0	0	82	82	
83	UNION																	83	83	
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	41	20	61	23	0	0	0	0	84	84	
85	URANIA UMC																	85	85	
86	VIDALIA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	86	
87	WEAVER UMC	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	27	16	11	27	10	0	0	0	0	87	87	
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC																	88	88	
89	WILTON UMC	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	43	22	21	43	12	0	0	0	0	89	89	
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	0	343	0	343	194	149	343	35	11	0	0	0	90	90	
91	WINNSBORO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	91	
92	WISNER																	92	92	
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	93	
	SUBTOTAL	0	632	6	2	0	2456	8	3104	1805	1299	3104	736	262	9	4	13			
	TOTALS	6	1081	8	2	0	4244	13	5354	3096	2258	5354	1414	570	15	7	22			

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Line # From Statistical Tables	9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	33	65	19	12	8	41	80	0	51	72	8	2	5	1
ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC														2
ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
ATLANTA UMC														4
BAYOU CHICOT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
BELAH UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	20	5	11	5	6	3	25	0	25	0	2	0	0	7
BOYCE, FIRST UMC	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	1	0	8	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
CHENEYVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	11
CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	8	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	12
CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
COLFAX UMC														14
COULEY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
COUSHATTA, FIRST														16
COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL														17
CROSS ROADS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
CROWVILLE														19
DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC														20
DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC														21
EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC														22
EMMANUEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
EVERGREEN UMC														24
FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	26
GILBERT														27
GLENMORA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	28
GRAND CANE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
GRAYSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
HALL SUMMIT	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
HARRISONBURG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
HASKIN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
HEBERT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	15	16	0	1	1	0	35
HOLLY GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
HOPEWELL														37
HORNBECK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	21	17	7	9	3	25	44	0	11	0	1	6	1	39
JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
JONESVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
KEATCHIE	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	43
LECOMPTE UMC	2	11	5	0	0	10	15	0	12	0	2	1	0	44
LEESVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
LEESVILLE, KOREAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	47
LOGANSPOUT, BETHEL	3	16	8	3	0	8	19	0	14	67	2	1	0	48
LOGANSPOUT, FIRST	31	37	16	7	0	23	46	0	13	67	4	1	0	49
LOGANSPOUT, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
LONGSTREET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
MANGHAM														52
MANSFIELD, FIRST	0	22	4	4	3	24	35	0	15	0	1	2	2	53
MANSFIELD, WESLEY	1	8	3	4	4	10	21	0	10	0	3	1	0	54
MANY, FIRST	4	5	15	37	3	40	95	0	29	45	6	6	2	55
MARKSVILLE UMC														56
SUBTOTAL	131	198	90	83	27	208	408	15	213	251	34	33	10	

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Line # From Statistical Tables	9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC														57
MCDONALD	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	6	0	1	0	0	58
MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	0	0	3	0	0	12	15	0	14	0	3	0	0	60
NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	11	74	34	25	12	96	167	5	57	85	9	9	0	61
NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	62
NEWELLTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
NEWMAN UMC	14	0	4	8	8	15	35	0	15	35	1	4	4	64
OAKDALE UMC	1	0	3	4	0	7	14	0	14	10	3	0	0	65
OLLA UMC														66
PALESTINE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
PELICAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
PINE PRAIRIE UMC														69
PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	8	93	23	17	0	53	93	9	88	58	13	2	5	70
PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	71
PLEASANT GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	10	0	1	0	0	72
PLEASANT HILL														73
POLLOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
PROVENCAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
ROSA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
SHADY GROVE	0	11	6	7	1	10	24	0	5	0	1	4	0	77
SHILOH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
SICILY ISLAND														79
SIMMESPORT UMC	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
ST. JOSEPH	0	0	4	4	0	24	32	0	8	0	2	3	1	81
STRANGE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
UNION														83
UNION CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	84
URANIA UMC														85
VIDALIA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
WEAVER UMC	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC														88
WILTON UMC	0	0	1	1	2	12	16	0	7	0	1	0	0	89
WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	7	48	0	3	0	22	25	0	19	28	2	3	3	90
WINNSBORO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
WISNER														92
ZWOLLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
SUBTOTAL	50	229	78	69	23	269	439	14	253	216	39	30	13	
TOTALS	181	427	168	152	50	477	847	29	466	467	73	63	23	

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Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23	
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	18	0	49	7910	0	0	16	0	13	60	500	1
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC												2
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	12	3
4	ATLANTA UMC												4
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	BELAH UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	6	0	9	0	0	0	4	0	2	2	3	7
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	150	9
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	18	11
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
14	COLFAX UMC												14
15	COULEY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST												16
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL												17
18	CROSS ROADS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
19	CROWVILLE												19
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC												20
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC												21
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC												22
23	EMMANUEL UMC	15	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
24	EVERGREEN UMC												24
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	26
27	GILBERT												27
28	GLENMORA UMC	0	0	6	300	0	0	5	2	5	20	150	28
29	GRAND CANE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
30	GRAYSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
31	HALL SUMMIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
32	HARRISONBURG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	0	33
34	HEBERT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	11	95	35
36	HOLLY GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
37	HOPEWELL												37
38	HORNBECK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	15	0	14	687	0	0	6	4	6	50	315	39
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
41	JONESVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
42	KEATCHIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
44	LECOMPTÉ UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	25	44
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
48	LOGANSPOUT, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	8	350	48
49	LOGANSPOUT, FIRST	0	0	18	402	0	0	4	0	4	50	350	49
50	LOGANSPOUT, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
51	LONGSTREET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
52	MANGHAM												52
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	0	0	9	2562	0	0	9	1	1	37	821	53
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	0	0	8	1011	0	0	5	0	5	8	521	54
55	MANY, FIRST	0	0	21	296	0	0	12	5	7	60	500	55
56	MARKSVILLE UMC												56
	SUBTOTAL	54	0	159	13168	0	0	77	13	57	331	3810	

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Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC											57
58	MCDONALD	2	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	5
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	2	3	0
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	15	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	28	720	53	132	0	0	3	2	3	75	725
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63	NEWELLTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	NEWMAN UMC	16	0	15	100	0	0	4	2	2	18	325
65	OAKDALE UMC	0	0	12	0	0	0	3	0	3	10	100
66	OLLA UMC											
67	PALESTINE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	PELICAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC											
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	0	0	11	648	0	0	5	0	5	92	351
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	0	0	0	310	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
73	PLEASANT HILL											
74	POLLOCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	PROVENCAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	ROSA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	SHADY GROVE	12	0	23	0	0	0	7	4	0	64	523
78	SHILOH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
79	SICILY ISLAND											
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
81	ST. JOSEPH	0	0	13	200	0	0	1	0	1	8	0
82	STRANGE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
83	UNION											
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	23	27
85	URANIA UMC											
86	VIDALIA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	WEAVER UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC											
89	WILTON UMC	12	300	15	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	10	0	12	0	0	0	16	3	6	48	1467
91	WINNSBORO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92	WISNER											
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	95	1020	185	1590	0	0	48	13	23	352	3524
	TOTALS	149	1020	344	14758	0	0	125	26	80	683	7334

		Property & Assests				Apportionments				
Alexandria		Market Value of Land, Buildings Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments	
Line # From Statistical Tables		24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a.	29b.	
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	7000000	4461979	0	0	57732	0	57732	0	1
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC					1129	0	1129	0	2
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	1205000	74013	0	0	4101	0	1852	0	3
4	ATLANTA UMC					805	0	0	0	4
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	565000	141495	0	0	1057	0	1057	0	5
6	BELAH UMC					1129	0	1129	0	6
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	557359	24220	0	0	3751	0	3751	0	7
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	540000	113200	0	0	2455	0	2455	0	8
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	928100	16660	0	0	2971	0	2971	0	9
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC					336	0	0	0	10
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	220000	18950	0	0	1758	0	1758	0	11
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	150000	8161	0	0	1637	0	1637	0	12
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC					48	0	0	0	13
14	COLFAX UMC					5095	0	5095	0	14
15	COULEY UMC					1779	0	1779	0	15
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST					14145	0	14145	0	16
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL					2021	0	2021	0	17
18	CROSS ROADS	150000	17319	0	0	1387	0	1387	0	18
19	CROWVILLE					2909	0	2909	0	19
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC					8990	0	8990	0	20
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC					378	0	378	0	21
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC					3282	0	3282	0	22
23	EMMANUEL UMC	0	24902	0	0	788	0	788	0	23
24	EVERGREEN UMC					805	0	805	0	24
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC					7596	0	7596	0	25
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	93000	20000	0	0	639	0	0	0	26
27	GILBERT					1264	0	1264	0	27
28	GLENMORA UMC	928600	145810	0	0	2793	0	2793	0	28
29	GRAND CANE					6552	0	6552	0	29
30	GRAYSON					4940	0	4940	0	30
31	HALL SUMMIT					1617	0	1779	0	31
32	HARRISONBURG					1912	0	1912	0	32
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	145000	7644	0	0	1796	0	0	0	33
34	HEBERT					3875	0	3875	0	34
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	755000	4600	0	0	2375	0	2375	0	35
36	HOLLY GROVE					3425	0	3425	0	36
37	HOPEWELL					1623	0	1623	0	37
38	HORNBECK					1553	0	1553	0	38
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	5721000	248876	0	0	31316	0	31316	0	39
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC					17144	0	17144	0	40
41	JONESVILLE UMC					1172	0	1172	0	41
42	KEATCHIE					553	0	553	0	42
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	370000	11522	0	0	710	0	710	0	43
44	LECOMPT UMC	1260000	189948	0	0	4984	0	4984	0	44
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST					11155	0	11155	0	45
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN					4505	0	4505	0	46
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	1743456	13315	0	0	733	0	733	0	47
48	LOGANSPOUT, BETHEL	370200	5114	0	0	5077	0	0	0	48
49	LOGANSPOUT, FIRST	2059000	403838	0	0	8265	0	8265	0	49
50	LOGANSPOUT, MT. ZION					2588	0	2588	0	50
51	LONGSTREET					1117	0	1117	0	51
52	MANGHAM					4713	0	4713	0	52
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	1443700	503871	0	0	14448	0	14448	0	53
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	624000	31252	0	0	4935	0	4935	0	54
55	MANY, FIRST	5736170	276622	0	0	16062	0	16062	0	55
56	MARKSVILLE UMC					2505	0	2505	0	56
	SUBTOTAL	32564585	6763311	0	0	294430	0	283642	0	

		Property & Assets					Apportionments			
	Alexandria	Market Value Land, Building, Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a.	29b.	
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC					1502	0	1502	0	57
58	MCDONALD	250000	5575	0	0	830	0	830	0	58
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	350000	128733	0	0	2425	0	2425	0	59
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	113530	58589	0	0	6258	0	0	0	60
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	10461068	932311	148793	34276	68618	0	68618	0	61
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	891300	52552	0	0	2745	0	2745	0	62
63	NEWELLTON					3279	0	3279	0	63
64	NEWMAN UMC	3000000	162150	88973	0	15808	0	15808	0	64
65	OAKDALE UMC	2317798	219302	0	0	6787	0	6787	0	65
66	OLLA UMC					5818	0	5818	0	66
67	PALESTINE UMC					10303	0	10303	0	67
68	PELICAN					1411	0	0	0	68
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC					526	0	526	0	69
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	7000000	337155	0	0	66929	0	66929	0	70
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC					1770	0	1770	0	71
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	375000	63652	0	0	1526	0	1526	0	72
73	PLEASANT HILL					2824	0	2824	0	73
74	POLLOCK					4967	0	4967	0	74
75	PROVENCAL UMC					1263	0	1263	0	75
76	ROSA UMC	100000	9240	0	0	412	0	412	0	76
77	SHADY GROVE	3684900	54226	244213	0	9301	0	9301	0	77
78	SHILOH					3162	0	3162	0	78
79	SICILY ISLAND					1679	0	1679	0	79
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	324100	9842	0	0	908	0	908	0	80
81	ST. JOSEPH	1168692	539680	0	0	4553	0	4553	0	81
82	STRANGE UMC	327000	30000	0	0	734	0	734	0	82
83	UNION					1250	0	1250	0	83
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	377191	43429	0	0	1973	0	1973	0	84
85	URANIA UMC					3070	0	3070	0	85
86	VIDALIA UMC					5869	0	5869	0	86
87	WEAVER UMC	350000	4900	0	0	1152	0	1152	0	87
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC					612	0	612	0	88
89	WILTON UMC	637500	84436	0	0	2350	0	1200	0	89
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	3919000	303533	0	0	22308	0	22308	0	90
91	WINNSBORO					24759	0	24759	0	91
92	WISNER					1941	0	1941	0	92
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST					5854	0	5854	0	93
	SUBTOTAL	35647079	3039305	481979	34276	297476	0	288657	0	
	TOTALS	68211664	9802616	481979	34276	591906	0	572299	0	

		Benevolences								
Alexandria		Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday
Line # From Statistical Tables		30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	ATLANTA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	0	0	150	0	500	0	0	0	0
6	BELAH UMC	0	0	2258	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	13	0	0	13	0	13	10	10	10
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	COLFAX UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	COULEY UMC	0	0	3558	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	CROSS ROADS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	CROWVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	EMMANUEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	EVERGREEN UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	15192	0	60	0	0	0	0
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	GILBERT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	GLENMORA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	GRAND CANE	0	0	13104	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	GRAYSON	0	0	9880	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	HALL SUMMIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	HARRISONBURG	0	0	3824	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	HEBERT	0	0	8138	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	HOLLY GROVE	0	0	6850	0	0	0	34	76	0
37	HOPEWELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	HORNBECK	0	0	3106	0	50	0	52	154	10
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	200	0	0	0	140	0	0	5000	0
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	35717	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	JONESVILLE UMC	0	0	2344	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	KEATCHIE	0	0	1106	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	LECOMPTE UMC	0	0	0	0	1132	0	0	0	0
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST	0	0	22310	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN	0	0	9010	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	LOGANSPORT, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	LOGANSPORT, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	LOGANSPORT, MT. ZION	0	0	5176	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	LONGSTREET	0	0	2234	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	MANGHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	0	0	75	0	75	0	0	100	0
55	MANY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	100	0
56	MARKSVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	213	0	144532	13	2017	13	121	5440	45

		Benevolences								
Alexandria		Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday
Line # From Statistical Tables		30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58	MCDONALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	2526	0	1239	0	480	0	0	3435	0
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63	NEWELLTON	0	0	7378	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	NEWMAN UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	301	182	240
65	OAKDALE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	OLLA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	PALESTINE UMC	0	0	21636	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	PELICAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73	PLEASANT HILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74	POLLOCK	0	0	9934	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	PROVENCAL UMC	0	0	2526	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	ROSA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	SHADY GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	SHILOH	0	0	6324	0	0	0	0	0	0
79	SICILY ISLAND	0	0	3358	0	0	0	0	0	0
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
81	ST. JOSEPH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
82	STRANGE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
83	UNION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85	URANIA UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
86	VIDALIA UMC	0	0	11738	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	WEAVER UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
89	WILTON UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0
91	WINNSBORO	0	0	51994	0	33	0	0	0	0
92	WISNER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST	0	0	12196	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL		2526	0	128323	0	573	0	301	3617	240
TOTALS		2739	0	272855	13	2590	13	422	9057	285

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support		
Alexandria		Native American Ministries Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits	
Line # From Statistical Tables		36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40	
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	500	1092636	14284	17880	1
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC	0	0	0					2
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	450	0	0	3
4	ATLANTA UMC	0	0	0					4
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	0	0	0	0	1084	0	0	5
6	BELAH UMC	0	0	0					6
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	25	25	0	0	0	1714	0	7
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	10	0	13	1200	150	0	0	8
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	1029	0	0	9
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0					10
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	0	0	0	2000	502	0	0	11
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0	0	881	390	0	12
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0					13
14	COLFAX UMC	0	0	0					14
15	COULEY UMC	0	0	0					15
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST	0	0	0					16
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	0					17
18	CROSS ROADS	0	0	0	0	0	960	0	18
19	CROWVILLE	0	0	0					19
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0					20
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC	0	0	0					21
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC	0	0	0					22
23	EMMANUEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	720	0	23
24	EVERGREEN UMC	0	0	0					24
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0					25
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	0	0	0	0	419	734	0	26
27	GILBERT	0	0	0					27
28	GLENMORA UMC	0	0	0	0	4031	1443	0	28
29	GRAND CANE	0	0	0					29
30	GRAYSON	0	0	0					30
31	HALL SUMMIT	0	0	0					31
32	HARRISONBURG	0	0	0					32
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	33
34	HEBERT	0	0	0					34
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	0	0	0	0	1100	0	0	35
36	HOLLY GROVE	17	0	0					36
37	HOPEWELL	0	0	0					37
38	HORNBECK	66	0	6					38
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	0	0	0	0	7847	12418	17880	39
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0					40
41	JONESVILLE UMC	0	0	0					41
42	KEATCHIE	0	0	0					42
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
44	LECOMPTE UMC	0	0	0	1132	4650	0	0	44
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0					45
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN	0	0	0					46
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	0	120	0	0	817	0	0	47
48	LOGANSPOUT, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	4225	0	0	48
49	LOGANSPOUT, FIRST	0	0	0	4892	5502	8771	12333	49
50	LOGANSPOUT, MT. ZION	0	0	0					50
51	LONGSTREET	0	0	0					51
52	MANGHAM	0	0	0					52
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	0	0	0	0	1030	5751	5364	53
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	50	0	0	500	10704	1579	0	54
55	MANY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	41353	9810	17880	55
56	MARKSVILLE UMC	0	0	0					56
	SUBTOTAL	168	145	19	10224	1178475	58574	71337	

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support	
Alexandria		Native American Ministries Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits
Line # From Statistical Tables		36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC	0	0	0				57
58	MCDONALD	0	0	0	0	742	2238	0 58
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0	1500	5764	0	0 59
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	0	0	0	0	1555	5000	0 60
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	0	909	0	5522	80561	16170	17880 61
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	500	0	0 62
63	NEWELLTON	0	0	0				63
64	NEWMAN UMC	330	345	100	0			64
65	OAKDALE UMC	0	0	0	200	0	0	0 65
66	OLLA UMC	0	0	0				66
67	PALESTINE UMC	0	0	0				67
68	PELICAN	0	0	0				68
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC	0	0	0				69
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	33626	14005	17880 70
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC	0	0	0				71
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	910	0	0 72
73	PLEASANT HILL	0	0	0				73
74	POLLOCK	0	0	0				74
75	PROVENCAL UMC	0	0	0				75
76	ROSA UMC	0	0	0	0	20	180	0 76
77	SHADY GROVE	0	0	0	0	4117	5728	0 77
78	SHILOH	0	0	0				78
79	SICILY ISLAND	0	0	0				79
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	0	0	0	0	74	0	0 80
81	ST. JOSEPH	0	0	0	670	0	1783	0 81
82	STRANGE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 82
83	UNION	0	0	0				83
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	750	0	0 84
85	URANIA UMC	0	0	0				85
86	VIDALIA UMC	0	0	0				86
87	WEAVER UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 87
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0				88
89	WILTON UMC	0	0	0	0	294	0	0 89
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	40917	11169	17027 90
91	WINNSBORO	0	0	0				91
92	WISNER	0	0	0				92
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST	0	0	0				93
SUBTOTAL		330	1254	100	7892	169830	56273	52787
TOTALS		498	1399	119	18116	1348305	114847	124124

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.
Alexandria		Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers
Line # From Statistical Tables		41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42	43	44	45
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	73840	0	0	37200	0	0	37200	10000	0	274069
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC										
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	3600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8255
4	ATLANTA UMC										
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	2700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	630
6	BELAH UMC										
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	7983	0	0	3441	0	0	3441	0	0	23074
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	12600	0	0	0	0	0	0	510	0	1600
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	4000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2869	0	3800
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC										
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	3210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	2400	0	0	1500	0	0	1500	0	0	2265
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC										
14	COLFAX UMC										
15	COULEY UMC										
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST										
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL										
18	CROSS ROADS	9600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	CROWVILLE										
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC										
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC										
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC										
23	EMMANUEL UMC	3960	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	EVERGREEN UMC										
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC										
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	7544	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5700
27	GILBERT										
28	GLENMORA UMC	227	0	0	10911	0	0	10911	1355	0	4486
29	GRAND CANE										
30	GRAYSON										
31	HALL SUMMIT										
32	HARRISONBURG										
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	5330	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	HEBERT										
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	9131	0	0	1400	1400	0	2800	0	0	1485
36	HOLLY GROVE										
37	HOPEWELL										
38	HORNBECK										
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	60148	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	1778	0	84706
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC										
41	JONESVILLE UMC										
42	KEATCHIE										
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	6000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	LECOMPTE UMC	21468	0	0	0	0	0	0	4188	0	0
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST										
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN										
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9725
48	LOGANSPOUT, BETHEL	19568	0	0	1500	0	0	1500	0	0	4920
49	LOGANSPOUT, FIRST	44528	0	0	2500	0	0	2500	760	0	5070
50	LOGANSPOUT, MT. ZION										
51	LONGSTREET										
52	MANGHAM										
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	24572	4200	0	4767	0	0	4767	1870	0	29703
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	9988	0	0	4614	0	0	4614	500	0	4650
55	MANY, FIRST	41837	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	4543	0	54379
56	MARKSVILLE UMC										
	SUBTOTAL	374234	4200	0	82233	1400	0	83633	28373	0	518517

											Church Expen.	
	Alexandria	Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42	43	44	45	
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC											57
58	MCDONALD	5343	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	1539	58
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	10500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	580	59
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	27270	0	0	0	0	0	0	3800	0	0	60
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	105125	0	0	9600	0	0	9600	4441	0	275716	61
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	11019	0	0	5700	0	0	5700	2200	0	3055	62
63	NEWELLTON											63
64	NEWMAN UMC							0				64
65	OAKDALE UMC	3950	0	0	9039	0	0	9039	750	0	15293	65
66	OLLA UMC											66
67	PALESTINE UMC											67
68	PELICAN											68
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC											69
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	77902	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	3156	0	205872	70
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC											71
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	72
73	PLEASANT HILL											73
74	POLLOCK											74
75	PROVENCAL UMC											75
76	ROSA UMC	1800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
77	SHADY GROVE	24000	0	0	11800	0	0	11800	0	0	28089	77
78	SHILOH											78
79	SICILY ISLAND											79
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	5400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
81	ST. JOSEPH	18259	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2920	81
82	STRANGE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8200	82
83	UNION											83
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	6000	0	0	4800	0	0	4800	0	0	6518	84
85	URANIA UMC											85
86	VIDALIA UMC											86
87	WEAVER UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3600	87
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC											88
89	WILTON UMC	9925	0	0	0	0	0	0	595	0	850	89
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	50225	0	0	6900	0	0	6900	3568	0	67437	90
91	WINNSBORO											91
92	WISNER											92
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST											93
	SUBTOTAL	356718	0	0	55039	0	0	55039	18910	0	620169	
	TOTALS	730952	4200	0	137272	1400	0	138672	47283	0	1138686	

		Local Church Expenditures							Operating Income				
Alexandria		Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operatin Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid on Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number of Giving Units	Received Through Pledges	Received through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received through Unidentified Givers
Line # From Statistical Tables		46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	32690	194970	622769	47583	242553	0	37625	1891509	115	480171	203565	37008
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC												
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	285	8348	20488	6028	14376	0	0	28818	4	0	12202	1030
4	ATLANTA UMC												
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	398	2346	6074	4845	7191	0	30	13740	10	0	14607	0
6	BELAH UMC												
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	662	4874	40034	4975	9849	0	0	50574	41	27104	383	615
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	147	4800	19657	1828	6628	0	0	25382	9	0	24071	2759
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	674	7757	19100	8687	16444	5359	5992	43138	81	0	23180	0
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC												
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	0	3405	6615	2001	5406	0	0	12876	10	0	9131	1965
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	2561	4538	13264	1789	6327	0	4298	22259	40	0	13008	1609
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC												
14	COLFAX UMC												
15	COULEY UMC												
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST												
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL												
18	CROSS ROADS	128	3289	13017	0	3289	0	0	15364	6	0	11663	279
19	CROWVILLE												
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC												
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC												
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC												
23	EMMANUEL UMC	0	0	3960	0	0	0	0	5468	10	0	12860	0
24	EVERGREEN UMC												
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC												
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	878	2373	16495	4422	6795	0	0	22070	7	26258	0	0
27	GILBERT												
28	GLENMORA UMC	241	8631	25851	5388	14019	0	6025	45531	19	43677	2120	1553
29	GRAND CANE												
30	GRAYSON												
31	HALL SUMMIT												
32	HARRISONBURG												
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	150	2450	7930	0	2450	0	0	7995	10	0	0	0
34	HEBERT												
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	1200	1129	15745	8655	9784	0	1951	29826	15	0	36022	1000
36	HOLLY GROVE												
37	HOPEWELL												
38	HORNBECK												
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	18451	63506	235789	30133	93639	0	121546	462269	64	142481	113377	4091
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC												
41	JONESVILLE UMC												
42	KEATCHIE												
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	657	707	7364	5960	6667	0	0	14034	7	0	11026	0
44	LECOMPTE UMC	346	7787	33789	7224	15011	0	2312	55223	20	0	62640	254
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST												
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN												
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	1485	11499	22709	3263	14762	0	10693	38335	17	0	31285	200
48	LOGANSPOORT, BETHEL	674	6865	33527	225	7090	0	0	37977	9	0	20568	5366
49	LOGANSPOORT, FIRST	2351	21102	76311	16385	37487	0	117471	249930	73	126292	51084	1601
50	LOGANSPOORT, MT. ZION												
51	LONGSTREET												
52	MANGHAM												
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	1115	36394	102621	15184	51578	0	12087	156485	42	99870	23005	1909
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	4965	18345	43062	9013	27358	0	3100	73193	43	0	84165	347
55	MANY, FIRST	17533	46192	171684	23189	69381	0	8345	288483	69	0	196395	3412
56	MARKSVILLE UMC												
	SUBTOTAL	87591	461307	1557855	206777	668084	5359	331475	3590479	721	945853	956357	64998

		Local Church Expenditures								Operating Income Cont.				
	Alexandria	Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Total Amount Spent for Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid on Principle & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number of Giving Units	Received through Pledges	Received through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received through Unidentified Givers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.	
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC													57
58	MCDONALD	0	5542	12824	1344	6886	0	0	17978	8	0	10207	1178	58
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	559	7523	19162	3834	11357	0	283	32968	13	0	13	1500	59
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	4703	72506	108279	10973	83479	0	9843	135650	55	0	52445	0	60
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	45407	181619	621908	30321	211940	15649	287516	1152734	200	609840	301173	20160	61
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	167	8339	30480	10320	18659	0	0	44045	11	0	27969	0	62
63	NEWELLTON													63
64	NEWMAN UMC			0		0	0			115	0	274218	651	64
65	OAKDALE UMC	1382	17784	48198	13543	31327	0	2910	71638	30	71466	2298	5169	65
66	OLLA UMC													66
67	PALESTINE UMC													67
68	PELICAN													68
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC													69
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	29202	166174	489506	35919	202093	66122	47478	771465	201	0	516607	16507	70
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC													71
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	985	4365	5850	8390	12755	0	1045	17721	9	0	26251	9027	72
73	PLEASANT HILL													73
74	POLLOCK													74
75	PROVENCAL UMC													75
76	ROSA UMC	0	0	1800	0	0	0	0	2412	3	6720	0	0	76
77	SHADY GROVE	9430	41266	114585	14259	55525	26000	25056	199046	55	154773	15390	2119	77
78	SHILOH													78
79	SICILY ISLAND													79
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	0	1455	6855	1624	3079	0	0	9461	9	0	5200	3731	80
81	ST. JOSEPH	3639	22019	46837	0	22019	0	4487	58330	22	0	64136	3639	81
82	STRANGE UMC	0	4680	12880	1690	6370	0	0	15304	8	0	35852	0	82
83	UNION													83
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	3032	4161	24511	8659	12820	0	1775	37668	22	42201	0	0	84
85	URANIA UMC													85
86	VIDALIA UMC													86
87	WEAVER UMC	627	2653	6880	5833	8486	0	5450	19315	7	0	19699	0	87
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC													88
89	WILTON UMC	2332	5072	18774	10243	15315	0	8353	38864	38	0	34423	838	89
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	6675	49050	183855	21528	70578	0	44049	340913	60	146021	33646	6925	90
91	WINNSBORO													91
92	WISNER													92
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST													93
	SUBTOTAL	108140	594208	1753184	178480	772688	107771	438245	2965512	866	1031021	1419527	71444	
	TOTALS	195731	1055515	3311039	385257	1440772	113130	769720	6555991	1587	1976874	2375884	136442	

			Operating Income Cont.				Non-Operating Income					
	Alexandria	Received through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received through Sale of Assets	Received through Fees, Rents, Contributions	Received through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received through Capital Campaigns	Received through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays, Advance Specials, etc	Total Received For Designated Funds/Projects	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53	
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	0	0	5400	0	726144	138238	24350	0	0	162588	1
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC											2
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	0	0	1485	0	14717	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	ATLANTA UMC											4
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	85	0	0	0	14692	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	BELAH UMC											6
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	10379	38481	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	26830	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	0	0	9400	0	32580	0	0	0	0	0	9
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC											10
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	11096	0	0	0	0	0	11
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0	0	14617	0	0	0	0	0	12
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC											13
14	COLFAX UMC											14
15	COULEY UMC											15
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST											16
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL											17
18	CROSS ROADS	0	0	0	0	11942	0	0	0	0	0	18
19	CROWVILLE											19
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC											20
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC											21
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC											22
23	EMMANUEL UMC	0	0	0	0	12860	0	0	0	0	0	23
24	EVERGREEN UMC											24
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC											25
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	0	0	0	0	26258	0	0	0	0	0	26
27	GILBERT											27
28	GLENMORA UMC	0	0	0	0	47350	0	0	0	0	0	28
29	GRAND CANE											29
30	GRAYSON											30
31	HALL SUMMIT											31
32	HARRISONBURG											32
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	0	0	0	3500	3500	0	0	0	0	0	33
34	HEBERT											34
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	45	0	0	0	37067	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	HOLLY GROVE											36
37	HOPEWELL											37
38	HORNBECK											38
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	1574	0	1000	1062	263585	0	2360	0	5000	7360	39
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC											40
41	JONESVILLE UMC											41
42	KEATCHIE											42
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	11026	0	0	0	0	0	43
44	LECOMPTE UMC	813	0	0	0	63707	0	100	130000	1132	131232	44
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST											45
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN											46
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	2	0	0	0	31487	0	0	0	120	120	47
48	LOGANSPORT, BETHEL	0	0	2603	0	28537	0	450	0	0	450	48
49	LOGANSPORT, FIRST	0	7000	0	0	185977	144449	8745	0	0	153194	49
50	LOGANSPORT, MT. ZION											50
51	LONGSTREET											51
52	MANGHAM											52
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	2202	0	900	0	127886	0	5960	0	0	5960	53
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	0	0	9000	0	93512	0	0	0	70	70	54
55	MANY, FIRST	4584	0	6014	0	210405	0	2753	68938	0	71691	55
56	MARKSVILLE UMC											56
	SUBTOTAL	9305	7000	35802	14941	2034256	282687	44718	198938	6322	532665	

		Operating Income Cont.				Non-Operating Income					
	Alexandria	Received through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received through Sale of Assets	Received through Fees, Rents, Contributions	Received through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received through Capital Campaigns	Received through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays, Advance Specials, etc	Total Received For Designated Funds/Projects
	Line # From Statistical Tables	52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC										57
58	MCDONALD	5173	0	377	6774	23709	0	0	0	0	0 58
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	8006	0	2000	0	11519	0	0	0	0	0 59
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	0	0	185	0	52630	0	0	0	0	0 60
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	6494	0	31491	3868	973026	0	0	0	206768	206768 61
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	89	0	750	0	28808	0	0	0	0	0 62
63	NEWELLTON										63
64	NEWMAN UMC	0	0	1675	0	276544	0	0	0	1123	1123 64
65	OAKDALE UMC	0	0	0	0	78933	0	400	153501	0	153901 65
66	OLLA UMC										66
67	PALESTINE UMC										67
68	PELICAN										68
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC										69
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	106925	0	0	0	640039	110	10998	81785	0	92893 70
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC										71
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	35278	0	0	0	0	0 72
73	PLEASANT HILL										73
74	POLLOCK										74
75	PROVENCAL UMC										75
76	ROSA UMC	0	0	0	0	6720	0	0	0	0	0 76
77	SHADY GROVE	16	3804	0	0	176102	0	0	0	0	0 77
78	SHILOH										78
79	SICILY ISLAND										79
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	0	0	0	0	8931	0	0	0	0	0 80
81	ST. JOSEPH	9526	0	2800	0	80101	0	3900	0	15073	18973 81
82	STRANGE UMC	0	0	0	0	35852	0	0	0	0	0 82
83	UNION										83
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	42201	0	0	0	0	0 84
85	URANIA UMC										85
86	VIDALIA UMC										86
87	WEAVER UMC	0	0	0	0	19699	0	0	0	0	0 87
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC										88
89	WILTON UMC	0	0	0	0	35261	0	7525	0	87	7612 89
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	1665	0	0	26044	214301	7110	4519	0	0	11629 90
91	WINNSBORO										91
92	WISNER										92
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST										93
	SUBTOTAL	137894	3804	39278	36686	2739654	7220	27342	235286	223051	492899
	TOTALS	147199	10804	75080	51627	4773910	289907	72060	434224	229373	1025564

	Alexandria	Received through Equitable Comp	Received through Other Connectional Sources	Received through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55	
1	ALEXANDRIA, FIRST UMC	0	0	10000	10000	898732	1
2	ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARKS UMC						2
3	ALEXANDRIA, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	14717	3
4	ATLANTA UMC						4
5	BAYOU CHICOT UMC	0	0	0	0	14692	5
6	BELAH UMC						6
7	BOONEVILLE MEMORIAL UMC	0	0	0	0	38481	7
8	BOYCE, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	26830	8
9	BUNKIE, TRINITY UMC	0	0	0	0	32580	9
10	CAMPTI, ST. PAUL UMC						10
11	CHENEYVILLE UMC	0	0	0	0	11096	11
12	CHENEYVILLE, ST. PAUL UMC	0	0	0	0	14617	12
13	CLARENCE, MT. ZION UMC						13
14	COLFAX UMC						14
15	COULEY UMC						15
16	COUSHATTA, FIRST						16
17	COUSHATTA, WESLEY CHAPEL						17
18	CROSS ROADS	0	0	0	0	11942	18
19	CROWVILLE						19
20	DAVID HAAS MEMORIAL UMC						20
21	DEVILLE, BETHEL UMC						21
22	EFFIE, OAK GROVE UMC						22
23	EMMANUEL UMC	0	0	0	0	12860	23
24	EVERGREEN UMC						24
25	FERRIDAY, SEVIER MEMORIAL UMC						25
26	FLORIEN, MACEDONIA	0	0	0	0	26258	26
27	GILBERT						27
28	GLENMORA UMC	0	0	0	0	47350	28
29	GRAND CANE						29
30	GRAYSON						30
31	HALL SUMMIT						31
32	HARRISONBURG						32
33	HASKIN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	3500	33
34	HEBERT						34
35	HINESTON, FELLOWSHIP UMC	0	0	0	0	37067	35
36	HOLLY GROVE						36
37	HOPEWELL						37
38	HORNBECK						38
39	HORSESHOE DRIVE UMC	0	0	0	0	270945	39
40	JENA, NOLLEY MEMORIAL UMC						40
41	JONESVILLE UMC						41
42	KEATCHIE						42
43	LAHEY CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	11026	43
44	LECOMPTE UMC	0	0	0	0	194939	44
45	LEESVILLE, FIRST						45
46	LEESVILLE, KOREAN						46
47	LEESVILLE, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	31607	47
48	LOGANSPOUT, BETHEL	0	0	4892	4892	33879	48
49	LOGANSPOUT, FIRST	0	0	0	0	339171	49
50	LOGANSPOUT, MT. ZION						50
51	LONGSTREET						51
52	MANGHAM						52
53	MANSFIELD, FIRST	0	0	0	0	133846	53
54	MANSFIELD, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	93582	54
55	MANY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	282096	55
56	MARKSVILLE UMC						56
	SUBTOTAL	0	0	14892	14892	2581813	

	Alexandria	Received through Equitable Comp	Received through Other Connectional Sources	Received through Non-Connectional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55	
57	MARTHAVILLE, BEULAH UMC						57
58	MCDONALD	0	0	0	0	23709	58
59	MONTGOMERY, MT. ZION UMC	0	0	0	0	11519	59
60	NATCHITOCHES, ASBURY UMC	0	0	0	0	52630	60
61	NATCHITOCHES, FIRST UMC	0	0	238797	238797	1418591	61
62	NATCHITOCHES, OAK GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	28808	62
63	NEWELLTON						63
64	NEWMAN UMC	0	0	0	0	277667	64
65	OAKDALE UMC	0	0	0	0	232834	65
66	OLLA UMC						66
67	PALESTINE UMC						67
68	PELICAN						68
69	PINE PRAIRIE UMC						69
70	PINEVILLE, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	732932	70
71	PINEVILLE, WESLEY UMC						71
72	PLEASANT GROVE UMC	0	0	0	0	35278	72
73	PLEASANT HILL						73
74	POLLOCK						74
75	PROVENCAL UMC						75
76	ROSA UMC	0	0	0	0	6720	76
77	SHADY GROVE	0	0	10000	10000	186102	77
78	SHILOH						78
79	SICILY ISLAND						79
80	SIMMESPORT UMC	0	0	0	0	8931	80
81	ST. JOSEPH	0	0	0	0	99074	81
82	STRANGE UMC	0	0	0	0	35852	82
83	UNION						83
84	UNION CHAPEL UMC	0	0	0	0	42201	84
85	URANIA UMC						85
86	VIDALIA UMC						86
87	WEAVER UMC	0	0	0	0	19699	87
88	WHITE'S CHAPEL UMC						88
89	WILTON UMC	0	0	0	0	42873	89
90	WINNFIELD, FIRST UMC	0	0	0	0	225930	90
91	WINNSBORO						91
92	WISNER						92
93	ZWOLLE, FIRST						93
	SUBTOTAL	0	0	248797	248797	3481350	
	TOTALS	0	0	263689	263689	6063163	

		Membership and Worship														
	Baton Rouge	Members at close of 2022	Received through Confirmation	Received by Profession of faith non-Confirmation	Restored	Added by correction	Transferred from a UMC	Transferred from a non-UMC	Removed by Charge Conf	Withdrawn	Removed by Correction	Transferred to another UMC	Transferred to a non-UMC	Removed by Death	Members at close of 2023	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
1	AMITE	370	0	1	0	293	0	11	0	0	0	1	1	0	673	1
2	ANDREW CHAPEL	81														2
3	BAKER, FIRST	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	98	3
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	1708	6	2	1	0	7	1	0	3	0	18	0	36	1668	4
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	4251	0	12	3	0	28	20	0	13	8	18	13	30	4232	5
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	1111	7	0	0	0	7	2	0	3	377	1	2	8	736	6
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	1132	4	2	1	0	10	9	0	0	0	3	2	5	1148	7
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	377	0	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	33	0	3	5	346	8
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	388	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	385	9
10	BLACKWATER	587	13	26	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	6	0	8	622	10
11	BLUFF CREEK	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	11
12	CAMPHOR MEMORIAL	525	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	519	12
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	396	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	395	13
14	CENTER	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	14
15	CLEAR CREEK															15
16	CLINTON	258														16
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	115	0	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	17
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	18
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	57	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	19
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	61	20
21	CONCORD	15														21
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL	58														22
23	DARLINGTON	14														23
24	DAY'S	38	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	38	24
25	DEERFORD															25
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	694	3	0	0	0	5	1	148	0	6	2	0	6	541	26
27	ETHEL	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	27
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	63	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	64	28
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	29
30	FAITHFUL	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	1	39	30
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	31
32	GONZALES, FIRST	527	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	15	1	5	10	499	32
33	GREENSBURG	75														33
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL															34
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	35
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	112	36
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	406	5	0	0	26	3	4	0	22	0	7	6	6	403	37
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	59	0	4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	38
39	HUFF CHAPEL															39
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	0	0	3	41	40
41	INDEPENDENCE	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	41
42	INGLESIDE	220	0	0	0	0	1	0	49	0	83	0	2	1	86	42
43	JACKSON	307	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	308	43
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	44
45	JAMES CHAPEL	86														45
46	JORDAN	306	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	302	46
47	KENTWOOD															47
48	LEE'S LANDING	76	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	76	48
49	LIVINGSTON	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	49
50	LORANGER	183														50
51	MAGNOLIA	141	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148	51
52	MANGUM CHAPEL	49														52
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	69	53
54	MONTPELIER	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	54
55	MOSES CHAPEL	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	2	30	55
56	MT. CARMEL	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	56
57	NEELY	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	50	0	0	2	87	57
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	58
	SUBTOTAL	16180	47	66	5	336	77	56	217	43	751	58	222	155	14502	

		Membership and Worship														
	Baton Rouge	Members at close of 2022	Received through Confirmation	Received by Profession of faith non-Confirmation	Restored	Added by correction	Transferred from a UMC	Transferred from a non-UMC	Removed by Charge Conf	Withdrawn	Removed by Correction	Transferred to another UMC	Transferred to a non-UMC	Removed by Death	Members at close of 2032	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
59	NEW HOPE	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	59
60	NEW RIVER	74	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76	60
61	NEWSONG	231														61
62	PINE GROVE	70														62
63	PINE RIDGE	170														63
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	383	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	6	377	64
65	ROBERTS	296	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	294	65
66	SLAUGHTER	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	66	66
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	76	67
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	519	2	3	0	15	2	4	0	122	0	0	29	2	392	68
69	ST. JOHNS	795	7	4	0	1180	10	3	0	1	0	10	5	9	1974	69
70	ST. LANDRY	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	41	70
71	TANGIPAHOA	62														71
73	TUNICA	127	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	1	120	73
74	UNIVERSITY	1188	3	7	0	0	17	2	0	0	68	10	0	7	1132	74
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK															75
76	WESLEY CHAPEL	77														76
77	WILSON, WESLEY	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	77
78	ZACHARY FIRST	739	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	11	8	721	78
	SUBTOTAL	5103	14	21	0	1195	32	13	2	131	185	28	55	40	5327	
	TOTALS	21283	61	87	5	1531	109	69	219	174	936	86	277	195	19829	

		Membership & Worship Cont.																	
	Baton Rouge	Asian Members	Black/African Am Members	Hispanic/Latino Members	Native American Members	Pacific Islander Members	White Members	Multiracial Members	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total Membership Gender	Average Worship Attendance	Average Online Worship	Number Baptized Aged 0-12	Number Baptized Aged 13+	Total Number of Persons Baptized		
	Line # From Statistical Tables	5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8		
1	AMITE	0	1	0	0	0	672	0	673	361	312	673	95	8	0	0	0	1	
2	ANDREW CHAPEL																	2	
3	BAKER, FIRST	0	9	0	0	0	89	0	98	52	46	98	7	6	0	0	0	3	
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	0	28	3	1	2	1628	6	1668	949	719	1668	344	193	3	0	3	4	
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	11	37	23	0	1	4160	0	4232	2376	1856	4232	597	1564	29	1	30	5	
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	5	6	7	0	0	718	0	736	452	284	736	140	25	3	0	3	6	
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	8	8	4	3	0	1124	1	1148	692	456	1148	175	42	1	0	1	7	
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	0	341	5	0	0	0	0	346	310	36	346	58	185	3	0	3	8	
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	0	384	1	0	0	0	0	385	249	136	385	68	5000	0	0	0	9	
10	BLACKWATER	1	3	2	0	1	611	4	622	337	285	622	200	153	4	5	9	10	
11	BLUFF CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	18	11	7	18	10	0	0	0	0	11	
12	CAMPHOR MEMORIAL	0	519	0	0	0	0	0	519	310	209	519	87	10	0	1	1	12	
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	0	0	4	0	0	391	0	395	226	169	395	52	0	0	0	0	13	
14	CENTER	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	29	5	34	11	0	0	0	0	14	
15	CLEAR CREEK																	15	
16	CLINTON																	16	
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	0	128	0	0	0	0	0	128	82	46	128	45	0	3	0	3	17	
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	35	24	59	23	0	0	0	0	18	
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	0	57	0	0	0	1	0	58	37	21	58	46	0	0	0	0	19	
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	40	21	61	18	0	0	0	0	20	
21	CONCORD																	21	
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL																	22	
23	DARLINGTON																	23	
24	DAY'S	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	38	20	18	38	6	0	0	0	0	24	
25	DEERFORD																	25	
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	1	1	0	0	0	537	2	541	309	232	541	150	72	4	0	4	26	
27	ETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	79	48	31	79	20	12	0	0	0	27	
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	39	25	64	42	0	1	0	1	28	
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	2	3	2	0	0	91	2	100	62	38	100	48	45	1	0	1	29	
30	FAITHFUL	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	39	23	16	39	17	0	0	0	0	30	
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
32	GONZALES, FIRST	2	5	0	0	0	490	2	499	290	209	499	112	39	4	0	4	32	
33	GREENSBURG																	33	
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL																	34	
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	0	0	0	2	0	114	1	117	85	32	117	34	0	0	0	0	35	
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	112	62	50	112	40	125	0	0	0	36	
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	2	6	1	0	0	390	4	403	222	181	403	107	127	4	0	4	37	
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	70	46	24	70	25	7	0	0	0	38	
39	HUFF CHAPEL																	39	
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	31	10	41	20	0	0	0	0	40	
41	INDEPENDENCE	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17	11	6	17	15	0	0	0	0	41	
42	INGLESIDE	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	86	54	32	86	41	25	3	0	3	42	
43	JACKSON	0	0	0	0	0	308	0	308	178	130	308	46	65	0	0	0	43	
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	17	12	29	19	0	0	0	0	44	
45	JAMES CHAPEL																	45	
46	JORDAN	0	301	0	0	0	1	0	302	164	138	302	46	115	0	0	0	46	
47	KENTWOOD																	47	
48	LEE'S LANDING	1	1	0	0	0	74	0	76	45	31	76	26	0	0	0	0	48	
49	LIVINGSTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	
50	LORANGER																	50	
51	MAGNOLIA	1	2	0	0	0	145	0	148	89	59	148	58	34	1	0	1	51	
52	MANGUM CHAPEL																	52	
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	0	10	0	0	0	59	0	69	36	33	69	16	18	0	0	0	53	
54	MONTPELIER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	
55	MOSES CHAPEL	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	18	12	30	21	0	0	0	0	55	
56	MT. CARMEL	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	26	6	32	10	0	0	0	0	56	
57	NEELY	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	87	55	32	87	35	200	0	0	0	57	
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	35	21	14	35	20	4	0	0	0	58	
	SUBTOTAL	34	2435	52	6	4	11949	22	14502	8499	6003	14502	2950	8074	64	7	71		

		Membership & Worship Cont.																	
Baton Rouge		Asian Members	Black/African Am Members	Hispanic/Latino Members	Native American Members	Pacific Islander Members	White Members	Multiracial Members	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total Membership Gender	Average Worship Attendance	Average Online Worship	Number Baptized Aged 0-12	Number Baptized Aged 13+	Total Number of Persons Baptized		
Line # From Statistical Tables		5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8		
59	NEW HOPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	
60	NEW RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	76	51	25	76	27	0	0	0	60	
61	NEWSONG																	61	
62	PINE GROVE																	62	
63	PINE RIDGE																	63	
64	PONCHATOLA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	377	0	377	233	144	377	60	0	1	0	1	64	
65	ROBERTS	0	294	0	0	0	0	0	294	186	108	294	75	420	4	0	4	65	
66	SLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	66	37	29	66	19	0	0	0	0	66	
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	0	1	0	0	0	73	2	76	46	30	76	36	0	2	0	2	67	
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	1	1	1	0	0	389	0	392	219	173	392	98	11	2	0	2	68	
69	ST. JOHNS	4	35	4	0	0	1930	1	1974	987	987	1974	142	65	2	1	3	69	
70	ST. LANDRY	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	25	16	41	25	0	1	0	1	70	
71	TANGIPAHOA																	71	
73	TUNICA	0	0	1	0	0	119	0	120	61	59	120	50	30	4	1	5	73	
74	UNIVERSITY	1	11	3	0	1	1116	0	1132	622	510	1132	172	18	7	0	7	74	
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK																	75	
76	WESLEY CHAPEL																	76	
77	WILSON, WESLEY	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	44	14	58	25	0	1	0	1	77	
78	ZACHARY FIRST	0	2	1	0	0	717	1	721	401	320	721	119	128	0	0	0	78	
SUBTOTAL		6	443	10	0	1	4863	4	5327	2912	2415	5327	848	672	24	2	26		
TOTALS		40	2878	62	6	5	16812	26	19829	11411	8418	19829	3798	8746	88	9	97		

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	Line # From Statistical Tables	9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
1	AMITE	56	90	31	15	10	25	81	0	45	23	5	17	0	1	
2	ANDREW CHAPEL														2	
3	BAKER, FIRST	2	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	110	338	17	17	0	491	525	0	125	0	10	19	10	4	
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	870	629	497	416	61	601	1575	27	336	254	33	52	14	5	
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	309	77	30	20	8	60	118	7	35	140	6	5	6	6	
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	108	72	20	6	2	104	132	4	99	42	6	4	1	7	
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	15	2	10	8	7	2	27	0	12	63	2	13	4	8	
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	3	0	9	
10	BLACKWATER	48	228	78	38	13	72	201	13	73	160	6	10	12	10	
11	BLUFF CREEK	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	
12	CAMPHOR MEMORIAL	15	2	13	6	13	17	49	0	20	45	3	5	3	12	
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	20	6	9	0	0	7	16	0	12	50	1	1	0	13	
14	CENTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
15	CLEAR CREEK														15	
16	CLINTON														16	
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	0	0	3	3	0	10	16	0	7	25	1	1	0	17	
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	18	
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	2	0	3	3	5	4	15	0	0	35	2	2	1	19	
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	0	6	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	20	
21	CONCORD														21	
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL														22	
23	DARLINGTON														23	
24	DAY'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
25	DEERFORD														25	
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	61	42	27	17	2	68	114	3	60	53	8	7	8	26	
27	ETHEL	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	0	0	4	2	3	55	64	0	0	40	0	1	2	28	
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	10	34	24	18	6	39	87	0	25	24	2	6	0	29	
30	FAITHFUL	0	0	0	0	0	16	16	0	2	0	1	1	0	30	
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
32	GONZALES, FIRST	37	35	17	17	3	65	102	7	32	48	7	4	4	32	
33	GREENSBURG														33	
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL														34	
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	0	0	11	0	5	9	25	0	8	0	2	2	0	35	
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	0	0	6	10	19	24	59	0	8	0	1	1	1	36	
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	80	3	5	8	12	11	36	5	45	45	3	6	4	37	
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	0	0	1	3	4	7	15	0	10	0	1	0	0	38	
39	HUFF CHAPEL														39	
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	4	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	1	1	40	
41	INDEPENDENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	41	
42	INGLESIDE	12	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	35	1	3	3	42	
43	JACKSON	6	30	8	0	0	20	28	0	18	70	2	1	2	43	
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	30	0	1	0	44	
45	JAMES CHAPEL														45	
46	JORDAN	0	20	3	8	2	30	43	4	20	0	1	3	1	46	
47	KENTWOOD														47	
48	LEE'S LANDING	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	
49	LIVINGSTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	
50	LORANGER														50	
51	MAGNOLIA	15	26	0	0	0	12	12	5	9	34	1	2	0	51	
52	MANGUM CHAPEL														52	
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	
54	MONTPELIER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	
55	MOSES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	55	
56	MT. CARMEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	
57	NEELY	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	15	20	2	3	2	57	
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	
	SUBTOTAL	1788	1689	817	615	175	1783	3390	75	1049	1241	111	176	83		

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Line # From Statistical Tables		9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
59	NEW HOPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
60	NEW RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
61	NEWSONG														61
62	PINE GROVE														62
63	PINE RIDGE														63
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	39	57	6	21	0	26	53	0	10	0	3	2	8	64
65	ROBERTS	0	0	10	12	6	30	58	1	8	150	1	2	0	65
66	SLAUGHTER	29	6	8	3	2	0	13	0	6	0	2	2	0	66
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	2	2	15	6	2	8	31	0	12	30	2	0	0	67
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	27	132	23	14	0	31	68	2	24	30	2	3	5	68
69	ST. JOHNS	35	47	17	11	0	76	104	7	9	25	10	20	11	69
70	ST. LANDRY	2	11	2	1	2	12	17	0	12	0	1	1	2	70
71	TANGIPAHOA														71
73	TUNICA	21	53	10	10	0	0	20	0	4	0	1	0	1	73
74	UNIVERSITY	162	210	22	9	24	240	295	3	73	94	8	8	4	74
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK														75
76	WESLEY CHAPEL														76
77	WILSON, WESLEY	0	0	11	10	6	31	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
78	ZACHARY FIRST	22	124	10	12	0	34	56	2	50	0	5	14	3	78
	SUBTOTAL	339	642	134	109	42	488	773	15	208	329	35	52	37	
	TOTALS	2127	2331	951	724	217	2271	4163	90	1257	1570	146	228	120	

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Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23	
1	AMITE	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	13	75	450	1
2	ANDREW CHAPEL												2
3	BAKER, FIRST	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	4	9	200	3
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	75	0	115	6372	0	0	42	30	18	181	1534	4
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	0	0	85	10834	0	0	36	6	22	1044	9784	5
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	22	380	0	0	0	0	10	0	6	110	1000	6
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	26	1521	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	80	350	7
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	13	208	68	1235	1	5	2	0	1	20	1250	8
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	15	1229	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	9	20	9
10	BLACKWATER	0	0	41	2649	0	0	15	3	4	153	4273	10
11	BLUFF CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	11
12	CAMPBOR MEMORIAL	12	1000	25	1624	0	0	4	1	1	15	840	12
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	14	200	13
14	CENTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	CLEAR CREEK												15
16	CLINTON												16
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	25	300	50	125	0	0	1	1	1	4	50	17
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	200	19
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
21	CONCORD												21
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL												22
23	DARLINGTON												23
24	DAY'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	DEERFORD												25
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	39	4491	24	5310	0	0	20	4	9	124	3921	26
27	ETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	15	27
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	4	4	10	350	28
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	12	807	24	0	0	0	11	0	2	60	1000	29
30	FAITHFUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	55	30
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
32	GONZALES, FIRST	0	0	36	6200	0	3	3	0	2	60	1200	32
33	GREENSBURG												33
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL												34
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	14	0	22	0	0	0	2	0	2	22	100	36
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	0	0	21	2250	0	0	1	0	2	47	190	37
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	20	475	38
39	HUFF CHAPEL												39
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	4	0	10	100	0	0	2	0	2	10	100	40
41	INDEPENDENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	25	41
42	INGLESIDE	11	1100	6	4800	0	0	10	2	7	35	1100	42
43	JACKSON	0	0	13	7284	0	0	5	0	5	12	340	43
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
45	JAMES CHAPEL												45
46	JORDAN	20	3300	24	450	0	0	3	0	3	30	180	46
47	KENTWOOD												47
48	LEE'S LANDING	0	0	12	200	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	48
49	LIVINGSTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
50	LORANGER												50
51	MAGNOLIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	42	2500	51
52	MANGUM CHAPEL												52
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	8	25	53
54	MONTPELIER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
55	MOSES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
56	MT. CARMEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
57	NEELY	10	300	10	0	0	0	6	2	6	25	400	57
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	302	14636	592	49433	1	8	223	67	135	2236	32130	

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Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23		
59	NEW HOPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	
60	NEW RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	25	200	60	
61	NEWSONG												61	
62	PINE GROVE												62	
63	PINE RIDGE												63	
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	5	62	2434	64	
65	ROBERTS	35	0	38	1355	0	0	7	0	7	40	1512	65	
66	SLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	20	1241	66	
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	25	2900	0	0	0	0	25	2	13	225	2500	68	
69	ST. JOHNS	0	0	38	2545	0	0	13	8	13	171	30553	69	
70	ST. LANDRY	5	0	15	250	0	0	4	1	3	15	200	70	
71	TANGIPAHOA												71	
73	TUNICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	30	73	
74	UNIVERSITY	0	0	30	0	0	0	14	1	10	160	2750	74	
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK												75	
76	WESLEY CHAPEL												76	
77	WILSON, WESLEY	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	
78	ZACHARY FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	5	75	3000	78	
	SUBTOTAL	65	2908	143	4150	0	0	106	17	73	797	44420		
	TOTALS	367	17544	735	53583	1	8	329	84	208	3033	76550		

		Property & Assests				Apportionments				
Baton Rouge		Market Value of Land, Buildings, Vehides & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments	
Line # From Statistical Tables		24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a	29b.	
1	AMITE	3163757	86904	261139	0	27462	0	27462	0	1
2	ANDREW CHAPEL					5241	0	5241	0	2
3	BAKER, FIRST	2920000	1842	0	0	2037	0	2037	0	3
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	1781148	2019160	0	0	169934	0	169934	0	4
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	25263473	13773456	0	0	206611	0	206611	0	5
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	5013896	204016	30000	0	43490	0	43490	0	6
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	5153100	749954	0	0	63447	0	63447	0	7
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	1218765	395159	0	0	22582	0	22582	0	8
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	3757742	162812	11075	0	21059	0	21059	0	9
10	BLACKWATER	5781739	1011373	0	0	45194	0	45194	0	10
11	BLUFF CREEK	424900	16894	0	0	3144	0	0	0	11
12	CAMPHOR MEMORIAL	3133162	185120	0	0	26365	0	26365	0	12
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	1000000	113153	99500	0	10227	0	9797	0	13
14	CENTER	99000	6585	0	0	1231	0	1231	0	14
15	CLEAR CREEK					4896	0	4896	0	15
16	CLINTON					12290	0	12290	0	16
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	770700	93850	0	0	2812	0	2812	0	17
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	350000	18287	0	0	2812	0	2812	0	18
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	998100	13359	0	0	3621	0	0	0	19
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	955000	38453	0	0	2288	0	2288	0	20
21	CONCORD					580	0	0	0	21
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL					2333	0	2333	0	22
23	DARLINGTON					3264	0	3264	0	23
24	DAY'S	556680	80850	0	0	1694	0	1694	0	24
25	DEERFORD					1803	0	1803	0	25
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	4791787	612208	217491	0	44518	0	44518	0	26
27	ETHEL	445000	47239	0	0	2310	0	2310	0	27
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	567900	89375	0	0	2246	0	2246	0	28
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	2100000	40990	0	0	8377	0	8377	0	29
30	FAITHFUL	892000	30581	7344	0	3565	0	3565	0	30
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	820000	84021	0	0	4916	0	4916	0	31
32	GONZALES, FIRST	5250000	121639	990154	0	33413	0	12000	0	32
33	GREENSBURG					4183	0	0	0	33
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL					1517	0	1517	0	34
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	550000	73000	0	0	1243	0	1243	0	35
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	682000	51612	0	0	4807	0	4807	0	36
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	4138010	339987	0	0	33969	0	33969	0	37
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	1192000	11108	0	0	7906	0	7906	0	38
39	HUFF CHAPEL					1816	0	1816	0	39
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	450000	12067	0	0	4836	0	4836	0	40
41	INDEPENDENCE	289000	66039	0	0	1091	0	1091	0	41
42	INGLESIDE	4443352	71676	58946	0	17397	0	17397	0	42
43	JACKSON	3600000	516093	0	0	7181	0	7181	0	43
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	125000	3480	0	0	1016	0	1016	0	44
45	JAMES CHAPEL					1050	0	420	0	45
46	JORDAN	813199	68470	0	0	14261	0	14261	0	46
47	KENTWOOD					3156	0	3156	0	47
48	LEE'S LANDING	250000	37572	0	0	2069	0	2069	0	48
49	LIVINGSTON	1339900	33197	0	0	4193	0	4193	0	49
50	LORANGER					7043	0	7043	0	50
51	MAGNOLIA	3051800	160113	0	0	11240	0	11240	0	51
52	MANGUM CHAPEL					3042	0	3042	0	52
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	664100	35577	0	0	2763	0	2763	0	53
54	MONTPELIER	200000	30300	0	0	1520	0	1520	0	54
55	MOSES CHAPEL	295518	6847	0	0	1768	0	1768	0	55
56	MT. CARMEL	154000	3748	0	0	1854	0	1554	0	56
57	NEELY	1177300	73932	0	9553	5982	0	5982	0	57
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	250000	178707	0	0	3784	0	3784	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	100873028	21770805	1675649	9553	936449	0	902148	0	

		Property & Assests				Apportionments			
Baton Rouge		Market Value of Land, Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments
Line # From Statistical Tables		24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a	29b.
59	NEW HOPE					892	0	892	0
60	NEW RIVER	338000	41479	0	0	3197	0	3197	0
61	NEWSONG					34209	0	34209	0
62	PINE GROVE					3539	0	3539	0
63	PINE RIDGE					4835	0	4835	0
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	4108085	280752	0	0	16755	0	12359	0
65	ROBERTS	1664400	95167	27990	0	10460	0	10460	0
66	SLAUGHTER	746000	350532	0	0	2481	0	2481	0
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	777200	36793	0	0	3950	0	3950	0
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	4537800	567859	0	0	27096	0	27096	0
69	ST. JOHNS	7409000	92239	189652	3100	39996	0	39996	0
70	ST. LANDRY	584000	7481	0	0	3768	0	3768	0
71	TANGIPAHOA					2680	0	2680	0
73	TUNICA	326700	228851	0	0	4750	0	4750	0
74	UNIVERSITY	16331593	1002151	183973	0	81010	0	81010	0
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK					153016	0	153016	0
76	WESLEY CHAPEL					4095	0	4095	0
77	WILSON, WESLEY	437200	36995	0	0	1839	0	1839	0
78	ZACHARY FIRST	5520400	836298	0	0	38623	0	38623	0
	SUBTOTAL	42780378	3576597	401615	3100	437191	0	432795	0
	TOTALS	143653406	25347402	2077264	12653	1373640	0	1334943	0

		Benevolences								
	Baton Rouge	Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday
	Line # From Statistical Tables	30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.
1	AMITE	241	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	ANDREW CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BAKER, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	1600	0	10030	100	620	100	100	100	100
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	0	0	0	0	250	0	10	10	10
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	1300	0	0	0	3177	0	0	0	0
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	0	0	0	0	551	0	0	0	0
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	BLACKWATER	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	BLUFF CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	CAMPBOR MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	CENTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	CLEAR CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	CLINTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	CONCORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	DARLINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	DAY'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	DEERFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	ETHEL	10	0	10	10	20	10	10	10	10
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	252	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0
30	FAITHFUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	75	0	9832	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	GONZALES, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	GREENSBURG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	3034	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	HUFF CHAPEL	0	0	3632	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	INDEPENDENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	INGLESIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	JACKSON	25	0	25	25	217	25	25	170	25
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	JAMES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	JORDAN	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	0	0
47	KENTWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	LEE'S LANDING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	LIVINGSTON	0	0	8386	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	LORANGER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	MAGNOLIA	0	0	300	0	600	0	0	0	0
52	MANGUM CHAPEL	0	0	6084	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	0	0	210	0	0	0	0	0	0
54	MONTPELIER	0	0	3040	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	MOSES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	MT. CARMEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	NEELY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	3503	0	45583	135	6485	135	145	290	145

		Benevolences								
Baton Rouge		Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday
Line # From Statistical Tables		30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.
59	NEW HOPE	0	0	1784	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	NEW RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	NEWSONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	PINE GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63	PINE RIDGE	0	0	9670	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	100	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0
65	ROBERTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	SLAUGHTER	10	0	10	10	1220	10	10	10	10
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	0	0	0	0	508	0	0	0	0
69	ST. JOHNS	9073	0	500	0	300	0	0	0	0
70	ST. LANDRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
71	TANGIPAHOA	0	0	5583	0	0	0	0	0	0
73	TUNICA	5000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74	UNIVERSITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	8190	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	WILSON, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	ZACHARY FIRST	0	0	0	0	180	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL		14183	0	25737	10	2458	10	10	10	10
TOTALS		17686	0	71320	145	8943	145	155	300	155

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support		
Baton Rouge		Native American Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits	
Line # From Statistical Tables		36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40	
1	AMITE	0	0	0	0	36315	18494	25278	1
2	ANDREW CHAPEL	0	0	0	0				2
3	BAKER, FIRST	0	0	0	0				3
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	0	0	0	100	95838	18549	17100	4
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	100	100	100	51391	2652315	38459	53640	5
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	10	0	10	1545	417086	13802	17880	6
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	0	0	0	1425	624345	14234	17880	7
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	0	260	0	0	1200	12836	17880	8
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	25336	12027	17880	9
10	BLACKWATER	0	0	0	3567	480264	13551	17880	10
11	BLUFF CREEK	0	0	0	0	127	1284	0	11
12	CAMPBOR MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	17786	12713	17940	12
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	606	786	524	13
14	CENTER	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	CLEAR CREEK	0	0	0	0				15
16	CLINTON	0	0	0	0				16
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	3555	1200	0	17
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	442	0	0	18
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	200	2896	0	19
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	4625	450	0	20
21	CONCORD	0	0	0	0				21
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL	0	0	0	0				22
23	DARLINGTON	0	0	0	0				23
24	DAY'S	0	0	0	198	192	639	0	24
25	DEERFORD	0	0	0	0				25
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	0	174	0	6934	85535	14098	17880	26
27	ETHEL	10	10	10	100	595	2275	4470	27
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	378	1632	0	28
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	0	0	0	600	10864	9731	17880	29
30	FAITHFUL	0	0	0	2300	3087	0	0	30
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	0	0	0	0	2177	0	0	31
32	GONZALES, FIRST	0	0	0	0	22232	13194	17880	32
33	GREENSBURG	0	0	0	0				33
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	0	0				34
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	0	0	0	0	3749	1730	8940	36
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	0	0	0	886	62696	13001	17880	37
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	0	0	0	0	390	0	0	38
39	HUFF CHAPEL	0	0	0	0				39
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	1674	0	0	40
41	INDEPENDENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
42	INGLESIDE	0	0	0	0				42
43	JACKSON	25	50	25	701	3574	6825	13410	43
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	210	204	0	44
45	JAMES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0				45
46	JORDAN	0	264	204	0				46
47	KENTWOOD	0	0	0	0				47
48	LEE'S LANDING	0	0	0	0	405	0	0	48
49	LIVINGSTON	0	0	0	0	0	550	0	49
50	LORANGER	0	0	0	0				50
51	MAGNOLIA	0	0	0	1390	31229	6816	0	51
52	MANGUM CHAPEL	0	0	0	0				52
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	0	0	0	1386	1773	0	0	53
54	MONTPELIER	0	0	0	0	0	456	0	54
55	MOSES CHAPEL	0	0	0	100	940	0	0	55
56	MT. CARMEL	0	0	0	0	100	804	0	56
57	NEELY	0	0	0	0	3514	1940	0	57
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
SUBTOTAL		145	883	349	72623	4595354	235176	302222	

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support	
Baton Rouge		Native American Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits
Line # From Statistical Tables		36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40
59	NEW HOPE	0	0	0				59
60	NEW RIVER	0	0	0	0	657	0	60
61	NEWSONG	0	0	0				61
62	PINE GROVE	0	0	0				62
63	PINE RIDGE	0	0	0				63
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	0	0	0	1855	9833	8000	17880
65	ROBERTS	0	0	0	0	8322	5520	8550
66	SLAUGHTER	10	10	10	0	2897	0	0
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	0	0	0	0	472118	13194	13410
69	ST. JOHNS	0	0	0	0	130745	13299	17880
70	ST. LANDRY	0	0	0	104	2785	0	0
71	TANGIPAHOA	0	0	0				71
73	TUNICA	0	0	0	3000	17972	2438	0
74	UNIVERSITY	0	0	0	8646	1552034	17160	17880
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK	0	0	0				75
76	WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	0				76
77	WILSON, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	170	867	0
78	ZACHARY FIRST	0	0	0	2580	26780	8926	11730
	SUBTOTAL	10	10	10	16185	2224313	69404	87330
	TOTALS	155	893	359	88808	6819667	304580	389552

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.	
Baton Rouge		Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers	
Line # From Statistical Tables		41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42	43	44	45	
1	AMITE	76931	18161	0	8028	6420	0	14448	1014	0	117575	1
2	ANDREW CHAPEL											2
3	BAKER, FIRST							0				3
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	117261	3600	0	38000	0	0	38000	6874	0	599990	4
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	164628	82415	0	40000	62550	0	102550	12590	0	1266972	5
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	77000	0	0	25000	0	0	25000	2175	0	107111	6
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	90600	0	0	30200	0	0	30200	3352	0	249357	7
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	53560	0	0	18674	0	0	18674	5051	0	46669	8
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	54471	0	0	28641	0	0	28641	12959	0	115351	9
10	BLACKWATER	71813	0	0	29250	0	0	29250	1197	0	203493	10
11	BLUFF CREEK	12492	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5600	11
12	CAMPBOR MEMORIAL	60617	0	0	25787	0	0	25787	1708	0	85356	12
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	6200	0	0	20000	0	0	20000	2900	0	17422	13
14	CENTER	14400	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	14
15	CLEAR CREEK											15
16	CLINTON											16
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	12000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10000	17
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	11640	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3900	18
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	16223	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7430	19
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	9024	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	0	8325	20
21	CONCORD											21
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL											22
23	DARLINGTON											23
24	DAY'S	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	24
25	DEERFORD											25
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	79146	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	3242	0	201146	26
27	ETHEL	9575	0	0	1800	0	0	1800	3072	0	2235	27
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	10877	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5525	28
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	43893	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	4995	0	15956	29
30	FAITHFUL	8400	0	0	8400	0	0	8400	0	0	0	30
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	5750	0	0	14400	0	0	14400	0	0	3000	31
32	GONZALES, FIRST	66793	0	0	27000	0	0	27000	0	0	88003	32
33	GREENSBURG											33
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL											34
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	6600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	10815	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10610	36
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	62511	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	874	0	169490	37
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	12300	0	0	14842	0	0	14842	0	0	5600	38
39	HUFF CHAPEL											39
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	14490	0	0	12989	0	0	12989	800	0	5800	40
41	INDEPENDENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12837	41
42	INGLESIDE							0				42
43	JACKSON	28725	0	0	5400	0	0	5400	9219	0	5348	43
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	4080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2025	44
45	JAMES CHAPEL											45
46	JORDAN							0				46
47	KENTWOOD											47
48	LEE'S LANDING	12415	0	0	0	0	0	0	2400	0	1485	48
49	LIVINGSTON	667	0	0	7875	0	0	7875	250	0	1750	49
50	LORANGER											50
51	MAGNOLIA	18300	0	0	24300	0	0	24300	4532	0	20237	51
52	MANGUM CHAPEL											52
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	6000	0	0	6000	0	0	6000	112	0	875	53
54	MONTPELIER	1770	0	0	1770	0	0	1770	0	0	200	54
55	MOSES CHAPEL	7200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7775	55
56	MT. CARMEL	8100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4300	56
57	NEELY	18000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16100	57
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	2000	0	0	21106	0	0	21106	0	0	3375	58
SUBTOTAL		1287367	104176	0	431062	68970	0	500032	80266	0	3428223	

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.
Baton Rouge		Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers
Line # From Statistical Tables		41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42	43	44	45
59	NEW HOPE										59
60	NEW RIVER	9000	0	0	8300	0	0	8300	0	0	2600
61	NEWSONG										61
62	PINE GROVE										62
63	PINE RIDGE										63
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	32859	0	0	15000	0	0	15000	1070	0	58947
65	ROBERTS	25000	0	0	9000	0	0	9000	4600	0	17782
66	SLAUGHTER	5400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1700
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	14617	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8160
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	74551	0	0	4269	0	0	4269	2163	0	48471
69	ST. JOHNS	69195	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	6700	0	221136
70	ST. LANDRY	10526	0	0	8528	0	0	8528	300	0	12495
71	TANGIPAHOA										71
73	TUNICA	26400	0	0	4600	0	0	4600	2000	0	7300
74	UNIVERSITY	98350	0	0	30045	0	0	30045	17334	0	451509
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK										75
76	WESLEY CHAPEL										76
77	WILSON, WESLEY	8369	0	0	300	0	0	300	0	0	5500
78	ZACHARY FIRST	68063	0	0	5574	0	0	5574	5336	0	149829
	SUBTOTAL	442330	0	0	92816	0	0	92816	39503	0	985429
	TOTALS	1729697	104176	0	523878	68970	0	592848	119769	0	4413652

		Local Church Expenditures								Operating Income				
	Baton Rouge	Program Expenses	Total Spent for other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurane Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid On Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number Of Giving Units	Received Through Pledges	Received Through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received Through Unidentified Givers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.	
1	AMITE	5320	46034	279483	33439	79473	37950	14459	473621	0	375796	25456	18369	1
2	ANDREW CHAPEL													2
3	BAKER, FIRST			0		0	0			18	0	39714	238	3
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	29880	437422	1233027	85149	522571	39	13812	1633548	470	883169	402341	31257	4
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	110754	501924	2241833	137258	639182	0	414205	5808762	896	2307714	749269	29067	5
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	14151	144144	369581	50017	194161	1487	15894	931082	198	297089	158745	8642	6
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	41668	118642	533819	33985	152627	0	4890	1298502	202	459965	190361	7189	7
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	6961	46518	177433	14345	60863	0	52711	299798	211	0	221920	0	8
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	7812	46639	265873	31744	78383	20833	99488	494240	148	0	417221	0	9
10	BLACKWATER	22939	192028	520720	42146	234174	0	74157	1197979	261	295218	123027	3628	10
11	BLUFF CREEK	56	4063	22211	6882	10945	0	450	30954	12	0	37195	2596	11
12	CAMPHOR MEMORIAL	12387	97348	283203	18383	115731	0	0	376390	152	319326	0	9873	12
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	702	39040	86264	27245	66285	15600	0	140822	46	0	104440	8314	13
14	CENTER	832	1693	17225	3576	5269	0	0	22057	11	0	19066	0	14
15	CLEAR CREEK													15
16	CLINTON													16
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	1884	3667	27551	15664	19331	0	12806	63838	56	54478	0	0	17
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	895	9073	25508	10410	19483	0	0	39172	35	32834	1789	1783	18
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	100	5816	29569	6129	11945	0	473	39267	36	30210	4004	0	19
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	1628	4771	24198	6586	11357	0	6000	44147	18	0	31610	2606	20
21	CONCORD													21
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL													22
23	DARLINGTON													23
24	DAY'S	284	3615	4199	5585	9200	0	543	13050	9	0	24783	1746	24
25	DEERFORD													25
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	25728	97000	413462	39468	136468	54000	15615	691684	147	277197	200054	5700	26
27	ETHEL	357	6029	23068	0	6029	0	0	32938	24	0	32665	4524	27
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	400	3962	20764	8202	12164	0	650	33872	28	26976	6464	0	28
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	1490	16291	89825	10128	26419	0	9550	157707	48	0	110911	0	29
30	FAITHFUL	707	15661	33168	7849	23510	2700	1641	54310	13	0	37200	2730	30
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	874	10580	34604	0	10580	0	11370	62974	26	16635	8956	672	31
32	GONZALES, FIRST	25743	59935	267474	0	59935	178307	41978	553065	112	12220	366773	10152	32
33	GREENSBURG													33
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL													34
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	360	295	7255	8027	8322	0	1300	17825	13	0	13210	1279	35
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	2882	10839	35146	11245	22084	0	2896	68513	50	48300	5798	4320	36
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	11128	74454	325657	51242	125696	0	15059	520390	137	165321	206216	7552	37
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	756	26721	60219	7281	34002	0	0	75796	48	0	75139	0	38
39	HUFF CHAPEL													39
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	781	11177	46037	4923	16100	0	29918	87388	25	48295	0	0	40
41	INDEPENDENCE	886	4328	18051	884	5212	0	369	20395	17	0	27665	0	41
42	INGLESIDE			0		0	15012			42	117526	8125	2867	42
43	JACKSON	8782	25668	83142	20945	46613	0	0	136415	55	0	110582	10567	43
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	0	2552	8657	4676	7228	0	0	14763	11	14757	0	0	44
45	JAMES CHAPEL													45
46	JORDAN			0		0	0			201	7657	102230	9182	46
47	KENTWOOD													47
48	LEE'S LANDING	1079	3748	21127	3624	7372	0	2902	30127	10	0	26404	4801	48
49	LIVINGSTON	39	4315	14896	1298	5613	0	0	29323	16	0	16000	590	49
50	LORANGER													50
51	MAGNOLIA	4696	42282	114347	17733	60015	0	24661	208316	69	0	114751	862	51
52	MANGUM CHAPEL													52
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	213	11883	25083	7935	19818	0	12079	51229	16	0	26465	2214	53
54	MONTPELIER	0	2495	6235	1228	3723	0	0	12479	14	0	5176	2665	54
55	MOSES CHAPEL	352	2411	17738	3983	6394	0	921	25450	14	0	22560	1882	55
56	MT. CARMEL	80	4798	17278	4399	9197	0	0	24135	10	24000	0	0	56
57	NEELY	5396	14095	53591	13807	27902	0	20800	99634	35	112606	2000	0	57
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	0	11252	37733	3618	14870	0	0	45135	15	40791	0	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	350982	2165208	7916254	761038	2926246	325928	901597	15961092	3975	5968080	4076285	197867	

		Local Church Expenditures								Operating Income			
Baton Rouge		Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid On Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number Of Giving Units	Received through Pledges	Received through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received through Unidentified Givers
Line # From Statistical Tables		46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.
59	NEW HOPE												59
60	NEW RIVER	0	6567	26467	9079	15646	0	3647	43047	27	47320	1175	3051
61	NEWSONG												61
62	PINE GROVE												62
63	PINE RIDGE												63
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	2554	45346	155776	27381	72727	0	10501	243935	85	100403	93113	1178
65	ROBERTS	4256	19405	80043	0	19405	21030	692	134617	83	146936	0	2804
66	SLAUGHTER	320	14856	22276	13045	27901	0	80063	122082	15	0	11335	6466
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	1071	9473	33321	8783	18256	0	414	46468	36	0	39622	0
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	14774	65178	209406	16266	81444	0	12948	764946	140	0	195525	19181
69	ST. JOHNS	8359	74502	387092	35458	109960	22000	81455	737798	182	449963	101407	8305
70	ST. LANDRY	572	9887	42308	3744	13631	0	1617	54326	25	48035	0	0
71	TANGIPAHOA												71
73	TUNICA	2762	9969	53031	7093	17062	0	33	93317	35	0	82251	11228
74	UNIVERSITY	154211	292408	1043857	51366	343774	54000	23005	2848958	199	646774	89907	6368
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK												75
76	WESLEY CHAPEL												76
77	WILSON, WESLEY	899	3748	18816	13553	17301	0	5639	40884	18	76711	1810	1213
78	ZACHARY FIRST	11947	137594	378343	58999	196593	0	113472	639633	154	130168	286903	26088
	SUBTOTAL	201725	688933	2450736	244767	933700	97030	333486	5770011	999	1646310	903048	85882
	TOTALS	552707	2854141	10366990	1005805	3859946	422958	1235083	21731103	4974	7614390	4979333	283749

		Operating Income Cont.					Non-Operating Income					
	Baton Rouge	Received Through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received Through Sale of Assets	Received Through Fees, Rents, Contributions	Received Through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received Through Capital Campaigns	Received Through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received Through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays Advance Specials, etc	Total Received For Designated Funds/Projects	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53	
1	AMITE	0	0	2514	37505	459640	14743	0	0	0	14743	1
2	ANDREW CHAPEL											2
3	BAKER, FIRST	0	0	0	0	39952	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	0	0	238218	0	1554985	278515	7865	42232	0	328612	4
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	47303	0	8758	0	3142111	58408	13865	0	19376	91649	5
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	0	0	31025	15016	510517	0	3805	29863	50	33718	6
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	2547	0	425	59597	720084	0	3510	632531	103204	739245	7
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	16579	0	100	0	238599	0	0	0	789	789	8
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	30000	0	15840	0	463061	0	0	0	0	0	9
10	BLACKWATER	0	0	2591	375727	800191	101026	211998	0	0	313024	10
11	BLUFF CREEK	0	0	0	0	39791	0	0	0	0	0	11
12	CAMPHOR MEMORIAL	0	0	11377	0	340576	25960	0	0	0	25960	12
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	0	0	2000	0	114754	0	0	0	0	0	13
14	CENTER	0	0	0	0	19066	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	CLEAR CREEK											15
16	CLINTON											16
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	54478	0	0	0	0	0	17
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	7758	44164	0	0	0	0	0	18
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	0	0	0	2444	36658	0	0	0	0	0	19
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	0	0	0	7542	41758	0	0	0	0	0	20
21	CONCORD											21
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL											22
23	DARLINGTON											23
24	DAY'S	1710	0	0	0	28239	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	DEERFORD											25
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	5652	0	0	124	488727	42653	174651	0	174	217478	26
27	ETHEL	97	0	0	0	37286	0	0	0	0	0	27
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	8657	42097	0	0	0	0	0	28
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	386	0	16150	0	127447	0	0	0	10778	10778	29
30	FAITHFUL	0	0	10764	0	50694	1000	0	0	0	1000	30
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	13	0	1850	0	28126	0	0	0	75	75	31
32	GONZALES, FIRST	401	0	9975	81990	481511	3553	8055	81415	25947	118970	32
33	GREENSBURG											33
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL											34
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	14489	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	0	0	0	17054	75472	0	0	0	0	0	36
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	13796	0	52297	153125	598307	0	1080	146225	164	147469	37
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	0	0	0	0	75139	0	0	0	0	0	38
39	HUFF CHAPEL											39
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	48295	0	0	0	0	0	40
41	INDEPENDENCE	1227	0	0	0	28892	0	0	0	0	0	41
42	INGLESIDE	0	0	24487	125921	278926	0	19332	0	0	19332	42
43	JACKSON	50344	0	0	10000	181493	0	2825	0	170	2995	43
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	14757	0	0	0	0	0	44
45	JAMES CHAPEL											45
46	JORDAN	325	0	0	47884	167278	0	0	0	0	0	46
47	KENTWOOD											47
48	LEE'S LANDING	0	0	0	1015	32220	0	0	0	0	0	48
49	LIVINGSTON	5	0	4500	0	21095	0	0	0	0	0	49
50	LORANGER											50
51	MAGNOLIA	0	0	10437	87355	213405	0	100	0	0	100	51
52	MANGUM CHAPEL											52
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	28679	0	0	0	0	0	53
54	MONTPELIER	0	0	0	0	7841	0	0	0	0	0	54
55	MOSES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	24442	0	0	0	0	0	55
56	MT. CARMEL	0	0	0	0	24000	0	0	0	0	0	56
57	NEELY	0	23172	2400	0	140178	0	0	0	0	0	57
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	40791	0	0	0	0	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	170385	23172	445708	1038714	11920211	525858	447086	932266	160727	2065937	

		Operating Income Cont.					Non-Operating Income				
Baton Rouge		Received through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received through Sale of Assets	Received through Fee, Rents, Contributions	Received through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received through Capital Campaigns	Received through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays Advance Specials, etc	Total Received for Designated Funds/Projects
Line # From Statistical Tables		52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53
59	NEW HOPE										59
60	NEW RIVER	323	0	0	0	51869	0	0	0	0	0
61	NEWSONG										61
62	PINE GROVE										62
63	PINE RIDGE										63
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	1581	0	290	13023	209588	0	515	0	3297	3812
65	ROBERTS	0	0	0	30635	180375	0	23388	0	0	23388
66	SLAUGHTER	0	0	8600	0	26401	2650	40974	30200	159	73983
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	0	0	0	0	39622	0	0	0	0	0
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	10845	0	0	395116	620667	0	2910	0	15837	18747
69	ST. JOHNS	0	0	4893	1893	566461	8853	1709	345	79306	90213
70	ST. LANDRY	0	0	0	0	48035	0	0	0	0	0
71	TANGIPAHOA										71
73	TUNICA	0	0	0	0	93479	0	0	0	0	0
74	UNIVERSITY	5142	0	4930	2191790	2944911	0	3436	86219	235	89890
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK										75
76	WESLEY CHAPEL										76
77	WILSON, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	79734	0	0	0	0	0
78	ZACHARY FIRST	6916	0	143860	35373	629308	0	1650	57754	280	59684
	SUBTOTAL	24807	0	162573	2667830	5490450	11503	74582	174518	99114	359717
	TOTALS	195192	23172	608281	3706544	17410661	537361	521668	1106784	259841	2425654

		Non-Operating Income Cont.					
		Received Through Equitable Comp	Received Through Other Connectional Sources	Received Through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income	
Baton Rouge							
Line # From Statistical Tables		54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55	
1	AMITE	0	0	0	0	474383	1
2	ANDREW CHAPEL						2
3	BAKER, FIRST	0	0	0	0	39952	3
4	BATON ROUGE, BROADMOOR	0	0	0	0	1883597	4
5	BATON ROUGE, FIRST	0	0	767136	767136	4000896	5
6	BATON ROUGE, JEFFERSON	0	0	0	0	544235	6
7	BATON ROUGE, ST. ANDREW'S	0	0	0	0	1459329	7
8	BATON ROUGE, ST. MARK	0	0	0	0	239388	8
9	BATON ROUGE, WESLEY	0	0	13000	13000	476061	9
10	BLACKWATER	0	0	153526	153526	1266741	10
11	BLUFF CREEK	0	0	0	0	39791	11
12	CAMPHOR MEMORIAL	0	6375	0	6375	372911	12
13	CARPENTERS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	114754	13
14	CENTER	0	0	0	0	19066	14
15	CLEAR CREEK						15
16	CLINTON						16
17	CLINTON, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	54478	17
18	CLINTON, BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	44164	18
19	CLINTON, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	36658	19
20	CLINTON, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	41758	20
21	CONCORD						21
22	COOPER'S CHAPEL						22
23	DARLINGTON						23
24	DAY'S	0	0	0	0	28239	24
25	DEERFORD						25
26	DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST	0	0	54778	54778	760983	26
27	ETHEL	0	0	0	0	37286	27
28	ETHEL, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	42097	28
29	FAITH CROSSING (Merged)	0	0	0	0	138225	29
30	FAITHFUL	0	0	0	0	51694	30
31	FRANCIS ASBURY	0	0	0	0	28201	31
32	GONZALES, FIRST	0	0	1000	1000	601481	32
33	GREENSBURG						33
34	GREENSBURG, WESLEY CHAPEL						34
35	GREENWELL SPRINGS, BETHEL	0	0	0	0	14489	35
36	GREENWELL SPRINGS, ST. LUKE	0	0	0	0	75472	36
37	HAMMOND, FIRST	0	0	0	0	745776	37
38	HOPE COMMUNITY	0	0	0	0	75139	38
39	HUFF CHAPEL						39
40	HUGHES MEMORIAL	0	0	16000	16000	64295	40
41	INDEPENDENCE	0	0	0	0	28892	41
42	INGLESIDE	0	0	0	0	298258	42
43	JACKSON	0	0	698	698	185186	43
44	JACKSON CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	14757	44
45	JAMES CHAPEL						45
46	JORDAN	0	0	3895	3895	171173	46
47	KENTWOOD						47
48	LEE'S LANDING	0	0	0	0	32220	48
49	LIVINGSTON	0	0	0	0	21095	49
50	LORANGER						50
51	MAGNOLIA	0	0	0	0	213505	51
52	MANGUM CHAPEL						52
53	MEADOWS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	28679	53
54	MONTPELIER	0	0	0	0	7841	54
55	MOSES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	24442	55
56	MT. CARMEL	0	0	0	0	24000	56
57	NEELY	0	0	0	0	140178	57
58	NESOM MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	40791	58
	SUBTOTAL	0	6375	1010033	1016408	15002556	

		Non-Operating Income Cont.				
	Baton Rouge	Received through Equitable Comp	Received through Other Connectional Sources	Received through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income
	Line # From Statistical Tables	54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55
59	NEW HOPE					59
60	NEW RIVER	0	0	0	0	51869 60
61	NEWSONG					61
62	PINE GROVE					62
63	PINE RIDGE					63
64	PONCHATOULA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	213400 64
65	ROBERTS	0	0	0	0	203763 65
66	SLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	100384 66
67	SPRINGFIELD, FIRST	0	0	0	0	39622 67
68	ST. FRANCISVILLE	0	0	0	0	639414 68
69	ST. JOHNS	0	0	0	0	656674 69
70	ST. LANDRY	0	0	0	0	48035 70
71	TANGIPAHOA					71
73	TUNICA	0	0	0	0	93479 73
74	UNIVERSITY	0	0	62991	62991	3097792 74
75	WATSON, LIVE OAK					75
76	WESLEY CHAPEL					76
77	WILSON, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	79734 77
78	ZACHARY FIRST	0	0	0	0	688992 78
	SUBTOTAL	0	0	62991	62991	5913158
	TOTALS	0	6375	1073024	1079399	20915714

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	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
1	ABBEVILLE	179	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	184	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	62	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	88	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	84	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE	35														4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	90	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	1	77	5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	212	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	201	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	20	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	7
8	BRANCH	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC	103														9
10	CHURCH POINT	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	196	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	8	2	163	11
12	DEQUINCY	181														12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	844	0	4	1	0	6	2	0	0	272	0	0	4	581	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	19	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	203	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	200	16
17	EBENEZER	41														17
18	ELTON	0														18
19	EUNICE	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	0	42	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	4	146	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	23	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW	255														23
24	GUEYDAN	122														24
25	HACKBERRY	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	14	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	765	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	7	138	2	0	5	612	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON	46														27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY	43														28
29	INDIAN BAYOU															29
30	IOWA, FIRST	246	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	196	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	33	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	209	1	1	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	3	219	33
34	JENNINGS	380	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	12	0	4	198	34
35	KAPLAN	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS	15														36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	3734	12	18	0	0	39	17	0	3	1584	10	12	25	2186	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	1023	0	2	0	0	17	3	0	1	0	38	1	1	1004	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	290	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	2	0	0	3	285	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	219	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	1	210	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	186	6	0	4	6	1	2	0	0	70	1	2	2	130	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	67	0	0	0	0	20	2	0	30	0	1	0	1	57	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	1283	10	5	0	0	14	25	0	4	108	6	4	12	1203	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	692	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	13	5	1	7	660	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	46
48	LYDIA	0														48
49	MALLALIEU	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	4	50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	46	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL	62														52
53	MELVILLE	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	53
54	MERRYVILLE	73														54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	416	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	209	19	34	2	140	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	32	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	266	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	6	1	1	35	5	215	57
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	58
	SUBTOTAL	13666	65	32	5	15	105	80	35	108	2757	95	98	96	9803	

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	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
59	NAPOLEONVILLE, WOODLAWN	69	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	59
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST	0														60
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	52	0	0	0	28	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	74	61
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST	36														62
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	204	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	34	0	0	5	166	63
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	298	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	295	64
65	PALMETTO	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	65
66	PATTERSON	91	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	29	0	0	1	2	63	66
67	PECAN ISLAND	44														67
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	17	0	0	0	39	68
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	32	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	69
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST															70
71	PORT BARRE	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	71
72	RAYMOND	0														72
73	ROANOKE	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	1	78	73
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	74
75	SCOTT	154	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	47	0	0	4	105	75
76	SQUYRES	142	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	153	76
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON	1416														77
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	59	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	61	78
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	782	0	0	0	0	0	1	87	0	0	1	81	12	602	79
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	80
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	235	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	235	81
82	SWEETLAKE	0														82
83	THIBODAUx, CALVARY	236	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	235	83
84	THIBODAUx, FIRST	198	3	1	0	0	13	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	209	84
85	THIBODAUx, MAGNOLIA	146	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	144	85
86	VACHERIE															86
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	87
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL	0														88
89	WARREN	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	89
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	90
91	WELSH, FIRST	318	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	3	127	3	175	91
92	WELSH, JONES	36	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	2	31	92
93	WESTLAKE	302	0	3	0	13	2	0	0	0	206	0	0	0	114	93
	SUBTOTAL	5347	5	18	2	58	16	7	87	58	377	4	217	52	3162	
	TOTALS	19013	70	50	7	73	121	87	122	166	3134	99	315	148	12965	

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	Line # From Statistical Tables	5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8		
1	ABBEVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	184	0	184	120	64	184	25	5	1	0	1	1	
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	0	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	38	24	62	25	0	0	0	0	2	
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	84	72	12	84	25	5	1	0	1	3	
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE																	4	
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	0	76	0	0	0	1	0	77	50	27	77	25	0	0	0	0	5	
6	BERWICK, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	201	0	201	120	81	201	21	0	0	0	0	6	
7	BERWICK, MASON	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	25	4	29	9	6	0	0	0	7	
8	BRANCH	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11	7	4	11	6	0	0	0	0	8	
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC																	9	
10	CHURCH POINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	23	17	40	10	0	0	0	0	10	
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	0	2	1	1	0	157	2	163	98	65	163	45	10	0	0	0	11	
12	DEQUINCY																	12	
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	1	2	3	0	0	574	1	581	325	256	581	106	84	7	1	8	13	
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	10	9	19	20	0	2	0	2	14	
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	20	19	39	15	0	1	0	1	15	
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	0	0	1	183	0	16	0	200	99	101	200	15	0	2	0	2	16	
17	EBENEZER																	17	
18	ELTON																	18	
19	EUNICE	0	0	0	0	0	157	0	157	82	75	157	24	0	0	0	0	19	
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	32	10	42	17	10	2	0	2	20	
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	146	83	63	146	30	137	0	0	0	21	
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	23	13	10	23	18	0	0	0	0	22	
23	GOLDEN MEADOW																	23	
24	GUEYDAN																	24	
25	HACKBERRY	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	7	7	14	12	0	0	0	0	25	
26	HOUMA, FIRST	0	7	3	18	1	581	2	612	327	285	612	100	94	3	0	3	26	
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON																	27	
28	HOUMA, WESLEY																	28	
29	INDIAN BAYOU																	29	
30	IOWA, FIRST	0	2	3	0	0	191	0	196	101	95	196	40	12	0	0	0	30	
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	33	24	9	33	15	25	1	0	1	31	
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	0	113	0	0	0	0	0	113	87	26	113	30	0	1	0	1	32	
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	0	217	0	0	0	1	1	219	133	86	219	73	275	4	2	6	33	
34	JENNINGS	0	0	0	0	0	197	1	198	99	99	198	30	5	0	0	0	34	
35	KAPLAN	2	0	0	0	0	56	0	58	44	14	58	20	5	0	0	0	35	
36	KROTZ SPRINGS																	36	
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	9	9	0	1	0	2167	0	2186	1290	896	2186	399	54	15	0	15	37	
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	2	18	10	0	0	971	3	1004	592	412	1004	180	0	1	0	1	38	
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	2	8	0	0	0	275	0	285	110	175	285	70	6	2	0	2	39	
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	0	210	0	0	0	0	0	210	137	73	210	65	483	0	3	3	40	
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	0	10	0	2	0	118	0	130	84	46	130	63	30	0	0	0	41	
42	LAKE ARTHUR	0	1	0	0	0	56	0	57	35	22	57	31	15	0	1	1	42	
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	10	26	3	1	0	1163	0	1203	704	499	1203	460	65	11	0	11	43	
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	4	27	6	0	1	622	0	660	378	282	660	87	16	2	0	2	44	
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	8	3	11	4	0	0	0	0	45	
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	19	14	5	19	9	0	0	0	0	46	
48	LYDIA																	48	
49	MALLALIEU	0	49	1	0	0	2	0	52	34	18	52	20	0	0	0	0	49	
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	4	5	0	0	0	0	50	
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	25	21	46	18	0	0	0	0	51	
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL																	52	
53	MELVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	22	13	9	22	7	0	0	0	0	53	
54	MERRYVILLE																	54	
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	0	2	0	0	0	138	0	140	92	48	140	81	102	4	0	4	55	
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	21	11	32	15	7	0	0	0	56	
57	MOSS BLUFF	0	0	1	3	0	211	0	215	120	95	215	58	38	0	0	0	57	
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	26	13	13	26	17	0	0	0	0	58	
	SUBTOTAL	30	1195	33	209	2	8284	50	9803	5710	4093	9803	2345	1489	60	7	67		

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	Line # From Statistical Tables	5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8	
59	NAPOLEONVILLE, WOODLAWN	0	70	0	0	0	1	0	71	44	27	71	47	0	0	0	0	59
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST																	60
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	0	69	0	0	0	0	5	74	52	22	74	18	24	0	0		61
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST																	62
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	0	5	1	0	0	159	1	166	95	71	166	28	5	5	2	7	63
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	0	295	0	0	0	0	0	295	175	120	295	30	65	2	0	2	64
65	PALMETTO	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17	10	7	17	5	0	0	0	0	65
66	PATTERSON	0	3	0	0	0	60	0	63	41	22	63	14	0	0	0	0	66
67	PECAN ISLAND																	67
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	0	1	0	0	0	38	0	39	29	10	39	10	0	0	0	0	68
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	36	24	12	36	12	0	0	0	0	69
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST																	70
71	PORT BARRE	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	4	5	9	6	0	0	0	0	71
72	RAYMOND																	72
73	ROANOKE	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	78	40	38	78	13	0	0	0	0	73
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	37	24	13	37	9	0	1	0	1	74
75	SCOTT	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	105	80	25	105	25	0	0	0	0	75
76	SQUYRES	0	0	0	0	0	153	0	153	89	64	153	33	30	0	0	0	76
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON																	77
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	41	20	61	13	0	0	0	0	78
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	0	1	1	0	0	599	1	602	328	274	602	95	0	0	0	0	79
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	1	1	0	0	0	52	1	55	21	34	55	15	6	0	0	0	80
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	235	0	235	138	97	235	41	0	1	1	2	81
82	SWEETLAKE																	82
83	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	0	235	0	0	0	0	0	235	141	94	235	65	20	1	3	4	83
84	THIBODAUX, FIRST	0	10	0	0	0	199	0	209	126	83	209	62	10	4	0	4	84
85	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	0	140	0	0	0	1	3	144	94	50	144	54	30	3	4	7	85
86	VACHERIE																	86
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	87
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL																	88
89	WARREN	0	120	0	0	0	2	0	122	67	55	122	35	80	0	0	0	89
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	17	16	33	16	0	0	0	0	90
91	WELSH, FIRST	2	0	1	0	0	172	0	175	99	76	175	50	3	1	0	0	91
92	WELSH, JONES	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	17	14	31	14	0	0	0	0	92
93	WESTLAKE	0	0	1	1	0	112	0	114	70	44	114	64	12	1	0	1	93
	SUBTOTAL	3	1220	4	1	0	1923	11	3162	1868	1294	3162	777	285	19	10	29	
	TOTALS	33	2415	37	210	2	10207	61	12965	7578	5387	12965	3122	1774	79	17	96	

		Mem. & Wor. Cont		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries											
	Lake Charles-Acadiana	# Baptized but not Professing	Other Constituents	Children in Christian Formation Groups	Youth in Christian Formation Groups	Young Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Other Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Total Christian Formation Group Participants	Enrolled in Confirmation	Average Sunday School Attendance	VBS Participants	# SS Classes	Ongoing Small Groups/Classes Other than SS	Short Term Small Groups/Classes	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1	ABBEVILLE	18	0	3	1	0	17	21	0	8	0	2	0	1	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	0	0	2	2	1	11	16	0	5	0	0	1	1	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE														4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	15	13	8	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	9	0	0	1	3	7
8	BRANCH	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC														9
10	CHURCH POINT	0	15	3	4	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	6	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	0	0	8	8	0	20	36	3	10	30	2	2	4	11
12	DEQUINCY														12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	34	110	54	12	3	25	94	0	19	39	4	18	5	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	72	75	4	4	3	10	21	4	6	24	4	3	3	16
17	EBENEZER														17
18	ELTON														18
19	EUNICE	10	10	0	0	0	17	17	0	15	0	1	1	1	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	14	1	4	0	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	8	4	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	0	0	5	2	2	0	9	0	9	0	0	5	0	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW														23
24	GUEYDAN														24
25	HACKBERRY	0	4	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	98	95	19	16	0	60	95	0	0	70	0	8	2	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON														27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY														28
29	INDIAN BAYOU														29
30	IOWA, FIRST	16	4	21	7	25	35	88	12	88	45	3	4	0	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	0	7	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	10	0	8	4	4	4	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	4	2	6	8	0	0	14	0	30	0	2	2	1	33
34	JENNINGS	0	10	1	12	0	10	23	0	3	25	2	6	3	34
35	KAPLAN	0	6	2	1	0	10	13	0	13	0	2	1	0	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS														36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	156	180	159	175	26	323	683	9	208	168	21	33	44	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	0	100	18	14	7	190	229	4	100	60	6	4	3	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	0	13	15	11	0	10	36	0	23	28	3	4	5	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	0	0	2	5	5	12	24	3	10	25	1	4	2	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	23	42	21	8	2	34	65	6	41	23	4	6	0	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	10	2	0	0	0	16	16	0	4	0	1	3	3	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	365	40	125	40	11	922	1098	10	171	100	13	11	23	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	71	69	4	3	0	93	100	0	78	46	6	5	5	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
48	LYDIA														48
49	MALLALIEU	0	9	2	4	3	15	24	0	0	0	0	1	1	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL														52
53	MELVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
54	MERRYVILLE														54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	52	45	22	6	1	35	64	3	24	95	1	5	3	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	0	0	0	2	0	13	15	0	13	0	0	1	3	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	40	55	11	10	3	25	49	0	0	0	0	6	2	57
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	1021	915	537	359	96	1938	2930	64	897	792	79	149	125	

		Mem. & Wor. Cont		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries												
	Lake Charles-Acadiana	# Baptized but not Professing	Other Constituents	Children in Christian Formation Groups	Youth in Christian Formation Groups	Young Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Other Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Total Christian Formation Group Participants	Enrolled in Confirmation	Average Sunday School Attendance	VBS Participants	Number of SS Classes	Ongoing Small Groups/ Classes Other than SS	Short Term Small Groups/ Classes		
	Line # From Statistical Tables	9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
59	NAPOLEONVILLE, WOODLAWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	1	0	59	
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST														60	
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	61	
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST														62	
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	46	18	3	0	0	37	40	0	20	0	3	2	1	63	
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	64	
65	PALMETTO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	
66	PATTERSON	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	66	
67	PECAN ISLAND														67	
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST														70	
71	PORT BARRE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	
72	RAYMOND														72	
73	ROANOKE	1	0	1	3	0	8	12	0	12	0	1	0	0	73	
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	
75	SCOTT	16	10	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
76	SQUYRES	14	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	1	76	
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON														77	
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	0	115	22	15	0	66	103	0	65	40	7	4	3	79	
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	0	45	0	0	1	10	11	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	9	16	0	2	0	17	19	0	13	0	2	2	0	81	
82	SWEETLAKE														82	
83	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	0	0	12	10	2	20	44	0	0	0	0	1	0	83	
84	THIBODAUX, FIRST	12	0	3	1	0	18	22	4	16	60	3	1	1	84	
85	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	0	0	7	12	10	15	44	0	0	41	0	3	0	85	
86	VACHERIE														86	
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL														88	
89	WARREN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	89	
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	0	2	0	0	0	8	8	0	8	0	1	0	0	90	
91	WELSH, FIRST	0	20	10	3	2	26	41	0	7	31	2	2	0	91	
92	WELSH, JONES	0	0	1	4	0	12	17	0	7	7	1	1	0	92	
93	WESTLAKE	8	42	15	10	2	30	57	0	25	0	5	6	3	93	
	SUBTOTAL	127	312	74	66	17	285	442	4	191	179	29	28	10		
	TOTALS	1148	1227	611	425	113	2223	3372	68	1088	971	108	177	135		

		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries Cont.											
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Membership UMM	Amount Paid By UMM for Projects	Membership UMW	Amount Paid By UMW for Projects	Number Of VIM Teams Sent	Number Of VIM Participants	Total Number of Ministries for Outreach, Justice & Mercy	Number Of Ministries focused On Global/Regional Health	Number Of Ministries focused On Poor/Marginalized	Number Of Persons serving in Mission/Community Ministries	Number Of Persons served by Justice & Mercy Ministries	
Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23	
1	ABBEVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	20	500	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	300	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	7	1366	22	1458	0	0	7	0	7	35	250	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE												4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	10	186	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	15	50	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	9	450	7
8	BRANCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC												9
10	CHURCH POINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	40	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	0	0	25	2000	0	0	5	0	5	25	350	11
12	DEQUINCY												12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	0	0	32	8762	2	14	56	18	38	169	1586	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	6	0	8	0	0	0	4	1	3	2	55	16
17	EBENEZER												17
18	ELTON												18
19	EUNICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	0	0	14	100	0	0	3	1	1	10	10	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	14	24	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW												23
24	GUEYDAN												24
25	HACKBERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	200	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	14	0	9	125	0	0	12	1	3	65	1267	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON												27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY												28
29	INDIAN BAYOU												29
30	IOWA, FIRST	15	2500	12	730	0	0	3	0	3	50	120	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	10	300	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	450	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	27	1971	53	175	0	0	3	0	2	0	25	33
34	JENNINGS	0	0	12	25	1	2	2	2	15	10	50	34
35	KAPLAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS												36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	18	325	2500	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	100	200	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	0	0	21	500	0	0	3	1	2	40	300	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	15	0	25	0	0	0	6	2	6	25	23000	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	14	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	5	20	200	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	23	103	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	16	24	1323	16862	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	0	0	39	1821	0	0	6	0	6	53	1238	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
48	LYDIA												48
49	MALLALIEU	0	0	13	15	0	0	1	0	1	21	80	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	3	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	15	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL												52
53	MELVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
54	MERRYVILLE												54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	7	44	2765	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	15	450	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	0	0	9	802	0	0	4	1	3	30	2000	57
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	57	58
	SUBTOTAL	111	6023	348	16513	3	22	231	52	181	2502	55798	

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Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23
59	NAPOLEONVILLE, WOODLAWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	21
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST											
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	238
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST											
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	2	35	300
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	8	100
65	PALMETTO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	PATTERSON	0	0	8	1621	0	0	3	0	3	12	20
67	PECAN ISLAND											
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST											
71	PORT BARRE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72	RAYMOND											
73	ROANOKE	2	0	5	300	0	0	3	2	1	13	0
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	4	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
75	SCOTT	12	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	SQUYRES	5	2015	25	593	0	0	6	0	5	35	1200
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON											
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	5	476	1554
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	10	200
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	12	225
82	SWEETLAKE											
83	THIBODAU, CALVARY	20	0	25	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
84	THIBODAU, FIRST	7	250	10	70	0	0	12	0	6	50	0
85	THIBODAU, MAGNOLIA	12	425	23	300	0	0	1	1	1	2	0
86	VACHERIE											
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL											
89	WARREN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	0	0	5	147	0	0	5	0	5	3	350
91	WELSH, FIRST	0	0	12	8429	0	0	4	0	4	11	74
92	WELSH, JONES	7	0	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
93	WESTLAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	7	36	4030
		69	2690	165	11460	0	0	82	9	51	720	8315
	TOTALS	180	8713	513	27973	3	22	313	61	232	3222	64113

		Property & Assests				Apportionments				
	Lake Charles-Acadiana	Market Value of Land, Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a	29b.	
1	ABBEVILLE	1760000	92544	0	0	9214	0	9214	0	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	450000	69925	0	0	1969	0	1969	0	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	968000	29803	0	0	3937	0	3937	0	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE					352	0	0	0	4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES					4887	0	4887	0	5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	1055000	70035	0	0	3762	0	3762	0	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	399632	16393	0	0	1010	0	1010	0	7
8	BRANCH	350000	3996	0	0	342	0	342	0	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC					5092	0	5092	0	9
10	CHURCH POINT	623200	26445	0	0	1790	0	1790	0	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	5840000	249746	0	0	17598	0	17598	0	11
12	DEQUINCY					10683	0	10683	0	12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	6576341	266428	0	0	43157	0	43157	0	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	380000	22613	0	0	487	0	487	0	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	175000	80825	0	0	1951	0	1951	0	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	650000	141262	0	0	2601	0	2601	0	16
17	EBENEZER					2291	0	2291	0	17
18	ELTON					1902	0	1902	0	18
19	EUNICE	2542000	57469	0	0	6174	0	6174	0	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	350000	22973	0	0	2338	0	2143	0	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	1000000	98457	13275	0	8226	0	0	0	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	45000	7613	0	0	292	0	292	0	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW					4735	0	4735	0	23
24	GUEYDAN					6322	0	6322	0	24
25	HACKBERRY	155000	63159	0	0	447	0	447	0	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	6367000	1271536	0	1742	45027	0	45027	0	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON					3702	0	3702	0	27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY					769	0	769	0	28
29	INDIAN BAYOU					3790	0	3790	0	29
30	IOWA, FIRST	2426000	113663	0	0	5360	0	5360	0	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	394180	211571	0	0	3175	0	3175	0	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	784400	87374	0	0	2674	0	2674	0	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	897000	63015	0	0	5037	0	5037	0	33
34	JENNINGS	2595800	454238	0	0	14926	0	14926	0	34
35	KAPLAN	447300	178482	0	0	3028	0	3028	0	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS					1393	0	1393	0	36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	16286000	2368531	0	188168	117063	0	117063	0	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	4669495	589368	194000	0	35750	0	35750	0	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	5435273	550151	0	0	21954	0	21954	0	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	897567	10318	0	0	8849	0	0	0	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	1400000	44040	0	0	7047	0	7047	0	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	1090000	421629	0	0	7493	0	7493	0	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	5826500	2304466	0	0	122034	0	122034	0	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	2629780	4702843	0	0	50535	0	50535	0	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	130000	3653	0	0	414	0	414	0	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	150000	25826	0	0	811	0	811	0	46
48	LYDIA					1317	0	1317	0	48
49	MALLALIEU	110000	38613	0	0	1130	0	1130	0	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH					972	0	200	0	50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	437000	38096	0	0	2783	0	2783	0	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL					4679	0	0	0	52
53	MELVILLE	250000	16317	0	0	1749	0	1749	0	53
54	MERRYVILLE					2387	0	2387	0	54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	3511000	544676	0	0	20871	0	20871	0	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	204500	4652	0	0	992	0	992	0	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	3048800	41500	0	0	20929	0	11715	0	57
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	872300	15063	0	0	2341	0	2341	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	84179068	15419307	207275	189910	662540	0	630253	0	

		Property & Assests				Apportionments				
	Lake Charles-Acadiana	Market Value of Land, Buildings Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a	29b.	
59	NAPOLÉONVILLE, WOODLAWN	553300	35042	0	0	3463	0	3463	0	59
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST					25309	0	25309	0	60
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	523300	9307	0	0	3392	0	3392	0	61
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST					4149	0	4149	0	62
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	3000000	246531	0	0	4605	0	4605	0	63
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	80000	136606	0	0	5544	0	5544	0	64
65	PALMETTO	165000	45000	0	0	1447	0	1447	0	65
66	PATTERSON	806000	11141	0	0	3215	0	500	0	66
67	PECAN ISLAND					793	0	793	0	67
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	2750000	59605	0	0	7677	0	0	0	68
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	1439000	18356	0	0	2265	0	2265	0	69
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST					4454	0	4454	0	70
71	PORT BARRE	163460		0	0	355	0	355	0	71
72	RAYMOND					5320	0	5320	0	72
73	ROANOKE	1200000	1212	0	0	1788	0	1788	0	73
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	147965	20986	0	0	2435	0	2435	0	74
75	SCOTT	830200	33778	0	0	6575	0	6575	0	75
76	SQUYRES	1208122	192616	0	0	7056	0	7056	0	76
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON					74505	0	74505	0	77
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	296000	42356	0	0	3793	0	3793	0	78
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	11108500	4758317	0	0	64231	0	24980	0	79
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	1906560	1023760	0	0	3099	0	3099	0	80
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	887200	624471	0	0	10490	0	10511	0	81
82	SWEETLAKE					5218	0	5218	0	82
83	THIBODAU, CALVARY	433770	118188	0	0	5112	0	5112	0	83
84	THIBODAU, FIRST	1371627	463408	0	0	17047	0	17047	0	84
85	THIBODAU, MAGNOLIA	395900	7948	0	0	4033	0	4033	0	85
86	VACHERIE					471	0	471	0	86
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	48000				520	0	520	0	87
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL					9976	0	9976	0	88
89	WARREN	1215000	48009	0	0	9700	0	9700	0	89
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	55000	68328	0	0	2117	0	2117	0	90
91	WELSH, FIRST	1906957	378692	0	0	12588	0	11088	0	91
92	WELSH, JONES	68000	12048	0	0	442	0	442	0	92
93	WESTLAKE	2906000	271806	0	0	11289	0	11289	0	93
	SUBTOTAL	35464861	8627511	0	0	324473	0	273351	0	
	TOTALS	119643929	24046818	207275	189910	987013	0	903604	0	

		Benevolences								
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday
Line # From Statistical Tables		30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.
1	ABBEVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
6	BERWICK, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	BERWICK, MASON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	BRANCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC	0	0	10184	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	CHURCH POINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0
12	DEQUINCY	0	0	22357	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	0	0	0	20	100	20	20	20	20
17	EBENEZER	0	0	4582	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	ELTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	EUNICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	GOLDEN MEADOW	0	0	9470	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	GUEYDAN	0	0	12644	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	HACKBERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	70	10
26	HOUMA, FIRST	125	0	500	0	35	0	0	15	0
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON	0	0	7404	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	HOUMA, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	INDIAN BAYOU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	IOWA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	JENNINGS	0	0	29915	0	0	0	0	100	0
35	KAPLAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	KROTZ SPRINGS	0	0	2786	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	425	0	0	0	2289	0	0	100	0
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	0	0	71500	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	75	0	25	120	55	25	142	426	191
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	122	0	0	0	347	0	0	172	80
42	LAKE ARTHUR	0	0	0	30	30	30	30	30	30
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	7500	0	200	100	548	100	200	200	200
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	2255	0	375	0	1473	0	0	0	0
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	LYDIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	MALLALIEU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	MELVILLE	0	0	3673	0	0	0	0	0	0
54	MERRYVILLE	0	0	4774	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	787	0	500	0	264	0	0	100	0
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	MOSS BLUFF	0	0	0	0	131	0	0	353	0
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL		11289	0	181439	270	5303	175	512	1586	538

		Benevolences								
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday
Line # From Statistical Tables		30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.
59	NAPOLÉONVILLE, WOODLAWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST	0	0	8298	0	0	0	0	0	0
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65	PALMETTO	0	0	2894	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	PATTERSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	PECAN ISLAND	0	0	1586	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
71	PORT BARRE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72	RAYMOND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73	ROANOKE	0	0	3576	0	0	0	0	0	0
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	SCOTT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	SQUYRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	423	0	0	0	0
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	227	0	86	38	66
82	SWEETLAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
83	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	THIBODAUX, FIRST	1189	0	420	0	0	0	0	0	0
85	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
86	VACHERIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
89	WARREN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
91	WELSH, FIRST	0	0	0	100	163	0	100	100	100
92	WELSH, JONES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
93	WESTLAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL		1189	0	16774	100	813	0	186	138	166
TOTALS		12478	0	198213	370	6116	175	698	1724	704

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support		
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Native American Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits	
Line # From Statistical Tables		36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40	
1	ABBEVILLE	0	0	0	75	16537	7200	4644	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	0	0	0	0	1785	1124	1949	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	0	0	0	200	11101	697	0	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE	0	0	0					4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES	0	0	0					5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	0	0	0	100	5187	3280	5960	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	0	70	0	0	159	728	0	7
8	BRANCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC	0	0	0					9
10	CHURCH POINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	0	0	0	1500	3960	9273	13085	11
12	DEQUINCY	0	0	0					12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	0	0	0	2750	503933	15489	17755	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	542	0	0	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	20	20	20	0	0	0	0	16
17	EBENEZER	0	0	0					17
18	ELTON	0	0	0					18
19	EUNICE	0	0	0	200	285	2792	3946	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	335	0	0	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	3840	6977	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	453	0	0	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW	0	0	0					23
24	GUEYDAN	0	0	0					24
25	HACKBERRY	25	20	0	0	15	1200	1968	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	11776	10966	14900	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON	0	0	0					27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY	0	0	0					28
29	INDIAN BAYOU	0	0	0					29
30	IOWA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	2050	0	0	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	0	0	0	0	4137	0	0	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	2611	0	415	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	3637	800	0	33
34	JENNINGS	0	0	0	0	1612	0	0	34
35	KAPLAN	0	0	0	0	1324	4598	7091	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS	0	0	0					36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	0	0	0	10805	197121	21298	26820	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	0	0	0	0	186826	4812	5960	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	125	177	145	1195	7908	10350	17880	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	0	0	0	0	825	450	300	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	0	135	0	1000	5416	6143	14406	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	30	30	30	1739	792	7158	13410	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	200	200	200	14751	273683	20140	17880	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	0	0	0	82	1017368	12590	17880	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	198	0	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	0	0	0	0	285	396	0	46
48	LYDIA	0	0	0					48
49	MALLALIEU	0	0	0	130	3579	720	0	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH	0	0	0					50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	135	1066	0	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL	0	0	0					52
53	MELVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
54	MERRYVILLE	0	0	0					54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	11246	11942	17880	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	0	0	0	0	111	500	0	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	0	0	0	5574	46039	12623	13437	57
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	650	2138	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	400	652	395	40101	2323423	174511	224543	

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support		
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Native American Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits	
Line # From Statistical Tables		36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40	
59	NAPOLÉONVILLE, WOODLAWN	0	0	0	0	2926	1998	0	59
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST	0	0	0					60
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	500	2424	0	61
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST	0	0	0					62
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	1542	0	63
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	0	0	0	0	898	1588	778	64
65	PALMETTO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
66	PATTERSON	0	0	0	47	97	3220	4943	66
67	PECAN ISLAND	0	0	0					67
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	711	0	0	68
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST	0	0	0					70
71	PORT BARRE	0	0	0	0	1200	0	0	71
72	RAYMOND	0	0	0					72
73	ROANOKE	0	0	0	0	735	0	0	73
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
75	SCOTT	0	0	0	0	688	179	1920	75
76	SQUYRES	0	0	0	708	6362	4059	2817	76
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON	0	0	0					77
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	0	0	0	0	50	1878	0	78
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	764734	14909	17880	79
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	37	0	0	0	153	3000	4921	80
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	130	35	0	2631	2564	6700	10990	81
82	SWEETLAKE	0	0	0					82
83	THIBODAU, CALVARY	0	0	0	0	1007	516	2454	83
84	THIBODAU, FIRST	0	0	0	1720	14338	12249	17880	84
85	THIBODAU, MAGNOLIA	0	0	0	0	1349	4091	1848	85
86	VACHERIE	0	0	0					86
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	0	0	0		0	0	0	87
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL	0	0	0					88
89	WARREN	0	0	0	0	5053	0	1490	89
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	2569	0	0	90
91	WELSH, FIRST	100	100	0	600	2329	8094	13412	91
92	WELSH, JONES	0	0	0	0	308	0	0	92
93	WESTLAKE	0	0	0	0	23732	9220	17880	93
	SUBTOTAL	267	135	0	5706	832303	75667	99213	
	TOTALS	667	787	395	45807	3155726	250178	323756	

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.	
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers	
Line # From Statistical Tables		41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42	43	44	45	
1	ABBEVILLE	44142	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	441	0	10625	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	11235	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4700	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	16711	0	0	0	0	0	0	1857	0	14590	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE											4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES											5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	16180	0	0	2400	0	0	2400	2167	0	100	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	3013	0	0	4550	0	0	4550	299	0	299	7
8	BRANCH	2040	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC											9
10	CHURCH POINT	11800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	235	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	45667	0	0	3600	0	0	3600	5000	0	54391	11
12	DEQUINCY											12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	94288	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	6452	0	130057	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	3237	0	0	1400	0	0	1400	1435	0	0	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	3670	0	0	4800	0	0	4800	0	0	8025	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	5000	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	2700	0	0	16
17	EBENEZER											17
18	ELTON											18
19	EUNICE	11565	0	0	3600	0	0	3600	669	0	11598	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	12000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5050	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	17756	0	0	2400	0	0	2400	2891	0	16687	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	3377	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW											23
24	GUEYDAN											24
25	HACKBERRY	6000	0	0	0	0	0	0	449	0	2750	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	67666	0	0	5677	0	0	5677	4738	0	177401	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON											27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY											28
29	INDIAN BAYOU											29
30	IOWA, FIRST	14950	0	0	2500	0	0	2500	3400	0	900	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	16120	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	0	0	0	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	20742	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7930	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	16000	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	31135	33
34	JENNINGS	9248	0	0	3000	0	0	3000	2454	0	12477	34
35	KAPLAN	23166	0	0	6201	0	0	6201	3773	0	3300	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS											36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	118976	24410	0	8755	40125	0	48880	4520	0	552820	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	32257	0	0	2215	0	0	2215	1362	0	84989	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	45150	0	0	6600	0	0	6600	6529	0	82461	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	15150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10050	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	6561	0	0	31833	0	0	31833	423	0	16184	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	28593	0	0	8700	0	0	8700	1904	0	2600	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	113025	23125	0	7120	0	0	7120	9686	0	604282	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	50303	0	0	32500	0	0	32500	7617	0	153666	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	2107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	420	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	3799	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1140	46
48	LYDIA											48
49	MALLALIEU	7200	0	0	0	0	0	0	1100	0	2750	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH											50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	8200	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL											52
53	MELVILLE	3562	0	0	7268	0	0	7268	0	0	0	53
54	MERRYVILLE											54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	52710	0	0	7000	0	0	7000	1676	0	43039	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	3011	0	0	2400	0	0	2400	299	0	624	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	55601	0	0	5400	0	0	5400	2066	0	36287	57
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	9948	0	0	5000	0	0	5000	0	0	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	1031726	47535	0	193719	40125	0	233844	76657	0	2083662	

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.	
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers	
Line # From Statistical Tables		41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42	43	44	45	
59	NAPOLÉONVILLE, WOODLAWN	15925	0	0	2200	0	0	2200	0	0	5400	59
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST											60
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	10000	0	0	6669	0	0	6669	600	0	7800	61
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST											62
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	9112	0	0	1146	0	0	1146	0	0	0	63
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	11404	0	0	2250	0	0	2250	0	0	13995	64
65	PALMETTO	3532	0	0	6668	0	0	6668	0	0	0	65
66	PATTERSON	11250	0	0	2300	0	0	2300	1493	0	0	66
67	PECAN ISLAND											67
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	22500	0	0	4245	0	0	4245	3753	0	16264	68
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	3185	0	0	3150	0	0	3150	1200	0	5200	69
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST											70
71	PORT BARRE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3150	71
72	RAYMOND											72
73	ROANOKE	2591	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	73
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	5800	0	0	5000	0	0	5000	0	0	775	74
75	SCOTT	19111	0	0	2500	0	0	2500	0	0	18750	75
76	SQUYRES	25210	0	0	1800	0	0	1800	3209	0	5600	76
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON											77
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	12522	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4350	78
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	104962	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	4057	0	218513	79
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	13000	0	0	2000	0	0	2000	1000	0	7556	80
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	30500	0	0	3000	0	0	3000	1817	0	23048	81
82	SWEETLAKE											82
83	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	21404	0	0	500	0	0	500	1150	0	13400	83
84	THIBODAUX, FIRST	54493	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	5153	0	38964	84
85	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	22903	0	0	500	0	0	500	1095	0	12994	85
86	VACHERIE											86
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL											88
89	WARREN	27957	0	0	17400	0	0	17400	400	0	9700	89
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	4000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2499	0	1000	90
91	WELSH, FIRST	34433	0	0	7025	0	0	7025	635	0	14989	91
92	WELSH, JONES	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	92
93	WESTLAKE	42552	0	0	5000	0	0	5000	996	0	22439	93
	SUBTOTAL	508796	0	0	87753	0	0	87753	29057	0	444687	
	TOTALS	1540522	47535	0	281472	40125	0	321597	105714	0	2528349	

		Local Church Expenditures								Operating Income				
	Lake Charles-Acadiana	Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid On Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number Of Giving Units	Received Through Pledges	Received Through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received Through Unidentified Givers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.	
1	ABBEVILLE	714	23125	86247	15308	38433	0	8459	147684	43	0	72200	1266	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	0	2249	18184	9292	11541	0	0	34303	15	0	41907	4000	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	2136	18926	54220	2794	21720	0	1422	74371	44	64727	0	2521	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE													4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES													5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	399	12036	33282	16821	28857	0	0	68392	23	0	65337	2306	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	100	3430	11691	3349	6779	0	11112	28119	9	0	26520	0	7
8	BRANCH	0	1043	3133	728	1771	0	0	4203	8	0	5662	0	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC													9
10	CHURCH POINT	135	3036	15206	11812	14848	0	438	29246	10	0	21284	0	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	18965	40783	168406	19860	60643	0	200	233913	28	143786	57791	2095	11
12	DEQUINCY													12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	12793	84574	335364	44694	129268	20691	29035	1012868	141	530177	0	10876	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	235	4895	11202	5134	10029	0	0	16823	10	0	12321	4789	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	1136	3631	21262	5495	9126	0	43780	73030	20	24534	400	0	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	1865	8141	24906	2275	10416	0	3557	33599	35	14390	15425	4794	16
17	EBENEZER													17
18	ELTON													18
19	EUNICE	8858	22649	58939	0	22649	0	5524	77860	29	33844	10140	3766	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	369	3838	21257	8480	12318	0	9150	41365	31	0	28456	0	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	662	16108	56504	17455	33563	3519	19174	107469	15	39843	20075	4683	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	0	2298	5725	0	2298	0	0	6470	6	0	4171	0	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW													23
24	GUEYDAN													24
25	HACKBERRY	137	2251	11587	0	2251	0	0	15462	10	13817	0	0	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	19429	124636	399547	82475	207111	0	3134	568500	202	0	272143	4100	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON													27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY													28
29	INDIAN BAYOU													29
30	IOWA, FIRST	1734	11145	34629	14000	25145	0	0	56039	32	0	57600	0	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	0	9326	32646	13235	22561	0	0	53493	7	0	9560	1396	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	329	3710	32711	3337	7047	0	18960	60708	37	0	38072	6000	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	10630	13260	71525	6172	19432	0	8366	95787	252	0	87330	4400	33
34	JENNINGS	8476	17512	53167	40629	58141	0	3185	143534	30	44154	4993	1315	34
35	KAPLAN	0	8835	45275	10062	18897	0	0	71378	25	0	49615	0	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS													36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	27981	147371	924958	277281	424652	16130	36152	1630442	568	705739	592721	11655	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	6690	22700	150213	7895	30595	6000	0	468956	150	129775	145000	0	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	3736	53993	198469	52306	106299	0	2129	313697	98	169218	34403	6529	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	4269	11188	40657	0	11188	0	1484	43716	50	0	73018	4536	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	4128	13776	72905	0	13776	0	3521	111294	73	72305	29262	10864	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	4234	20377	66408	7680	28057	0	60248	165198	136	54462	13354	9984	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	92362	290514	1140114	242705	533219	0	1544084	3385039	463	1149380	438834	38917	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	14778	150459	409323	63304	213763	0	1501689	3076874	123	261125	81208	3627	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	26	926	3479	2000	2926	0	0	6091	9	0	8317	0	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	100	2135	7174	4746	6881	0	0	13412	13	0	12384	0	46
48	LYDIA													48
49	MALLALIEU	1136	3206	15392	2801	6007	0	0	23752	35	0	27601	2318	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH									4				50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	452	9712	18614	5052	14764	0	6222	33872	35	24622	200	3146	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL													52
53	MELVILLE	0	3632	14462	7830	11462	0	0	27714	6	0	31618	0	53
54	MERRYVILLE													54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	10675	33503	148603	42690	76193	0	39770	294653	82	191349	25086	2618	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	1045	3598	10977	7227	10825	0	2372	22179	20	0	18530	0	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	1843	55874	157071	54227	110101	0	19911	321081	57	74677	79227	3669	57
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	580	4684	20212	8920	13604	0	0	34261	26	21533	590	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	263137	1269085	5005646	1120071	2389156	46340	3383078	13026847	3010	3763457	2512355	156170	

		Local Church Expenditures								Operating Income				
	Lake Charles-Acadiana	Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid On Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number Of Giving Units	Received through Pledges	Received through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received through Unidentified Givers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.	
59	NAPOLEONVILLE, WOODLAWN	2601	16942	43068	11846	28788	0	0	63301	54	34834	8187	0	59
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST													60
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	1280	6712	33061	5316	12028	0	0	44693	33	0	31850	3502	61
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST													62
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	0	0	10258	0	0	0	0	16405	43	0	49391	3995	63
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	1289	7362	36300	6393	13755	0	0	51501	60	59075	0	1590	64
65	PALMETTO	620	1900	12720	3475	5375	0	0	20536	5	9600	12339	3	65
66	PATTERSON	71	7148	22262	16928	24076	0	2100	50097	21	0	23525	5609	66
67	PECAN ISLAND													67
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	673	13170	60605	5025	18195	0	16000	82341	7	58787	0	0	68
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	296	2336	15367	3055	5391	0	0	20687	12	0	25779	0	69
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST													70
71	PORT BARRE	845	1665	5660	0	1665	0	4800	12015	6	0	1200	0	71
72	RAYMOND													72
73	ROANOKE	75	1594	4760	0	1594	0	277	11136	9	0	10124	0	73
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	179	2604	14358	4203	6807	0	215	21211	7	9090	0	6161	74
75	SCOTT	1936	8898	51195	10733	19631	0	200	71490	77	20	61175	7015	75
76	SQUYRES	3388	16582	55789	14334	30916	0	968	92093	26	60720	28139	4600	76
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON													77
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	696	9620	27188	7778	17398	0	19489	60176	35	0	38525	0	78
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	32557	172938	540227	59172	232110	1558762	2137218	5118305	160	357205	137121	5473	79
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	338	10329	34223	26022	36351	0	99590	171045	20	0	27866	113	80
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	3346	13548	75259	18357	31905	0	198549	326143	36	81824	23937	3597	81
82	SWEETLAKE													82
83	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	1579	22914	60947	13925	36839	0	11051	95012	45	64	68513	5303	83
84	THIBODAUX, FIRST	9980	22489	138279	46721	69210	0	60533	310376	65	0	218030	9676	84
85	THIBOUDAUX, MAGNOLIA	629	3459	41580	6497	9956	0	10784	70182	38	18688	43628	0	85
86	VACHERIE													86
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD	0	0	0	0	0		0	520	3				87
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL													88
89	WARREN	2776	16722	74955	18660	35382	0	31853	141711	102	783	71882	2119	89
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	2915	4725	15139	1857	6582	0	751	22433	33	0	23832	0	90
91	WELSH, FIRST	4923	20817	82822	19168	39985	0	2292	140568	54	83476	17274	305	91
92	WELSH, JONES	208	6153	7111	0	6153	0	160	8021	7	6674	150	1460	92
93	WESTLAKE	12404	33589	116980	27571	61160	0	11968	218640	104	119277	19289	3009	93
	SUBTOTAL	85604	424216	1580113	327036	751252	1558762	2608798	7240638	1062	900117	941756	63530	
	TOTALS	348741	1693301	6585759	1447107	3140408	1605102	5991876	20267485	4072	4663574	3454111	219700	

		Operating Income Cont.					Non-Operating Income					
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Received Through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received Through Sale of Assets	Received Through Fees, Rents, Contributions	Received Through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received Through Capital Campaigns	Received Through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received Through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays Advance Specials, etc	Total Received For Designated Funds/Projects	
Line # From Statistical Tables		52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53	
1	ABBEVILLE	1937	0	201	24022	99626	0	1000	0	0	1000	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	0	0	0	0	45907	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	0	0	9125	5115	81488	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE											4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES											5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	0	0	500	2142	70285	0	0	0	0	0	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	0	0	1600	9000	37120	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	BRANCH	0	0	0	0	5662	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC											9
10	CHURCH POINT	0	0	0	0	21284	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	1200	0	0	0	204872	10500	610	0	1598	12708	11
12	DEQUINCY											12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	1564	0	4526	0	547143	0	4490	0	0	4490	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	17110	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	24934	0	0	2452	0	2452	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	0	0	33845	0	68454	0	0	0	60	60	16
17	EBENEZER											17
18	ELTON											18
19	EUNICE	0	0	12427	13650	73827	0	0	0	0	0	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	16	0	0	86	28558	0	0	8500	0	8500	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	0	0	35013	0	99614	0	4945	0	0	4945	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	4171	0	0	0	0	0	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW											23
24	GUEYDAN											24
25	HACKBERRY	1709	0	0	0	15526	0	0	0	0	0	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	21780	0	63437	37	361497	0	450	0	140	590	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON											27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY											28
29	INDIAN BAYOU											29
30	IOWA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	57600	0	0	0	0	0	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	0	0	0	2700	13656	0	0	0	0	0	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	0	0	6000	0	50072	0	0	0	0	0	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	502	0	500	8113	100845	0	0	0	0	0	33
34	JENNINGS	0	0	928	0	51390	0	0	0	0	0	34
35	KAPLAN	16400	0	0	0	66015	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS											36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	133589	0	47277	0	1490981	1130	7472	21013	0	29615	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	25	0	0	257899	532699	0	0	0	0	0	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	1989	0	54034	0	266173	0	0	0	1695	1695	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	0	0	300	1200	79054	0	0	0	0	0	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	251	0	783	0	113465	0	225	0	50303	50528	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	11	247016	0	2872	327699	0	0	2400	1152	3552	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	17311	0	85370	0	1729812	0	30602	300727	6390	337719	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	47297	0	69526	1090779	1553562	41558	1523	2400506	23145	2466732	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	8317	0	0	0	0	0	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	0	0	0	0	12384	0	0	0	0	0	46
48	LYDIA											48
49	MALLALIEU	0	0	0	451	30370	0	0	0	0	0	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH					0						50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	27968	0	0	0	0	0	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL											52
53	MELVILLE	0	0	0	0	31618	0	0	0	0	0	53
54	MERRYVILLE											54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	10668	0	910	0	230631	0	3765	7757	600	12122	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	0	0	150	1901	20581	0	0	0	0	0	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	9	0	1665	21200	180447	0	0	29459	16716	46175	57
58	NAPOLÉONVILLE, WESLEY	0	0	10121	4801	37045	0	0	0	0	0	58
	SUBTOTAL	256258	247016	438238	1445968	8819462	53188	55082	2772814	101799	2982883	

		Operating Income Cont.					Non-Operating Income					
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Received through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received through Sale of Assets	Received through Fee, Rents, Contributions	Received through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received through Capital Campaigns	Received through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays Advance Specials, etc	Total Received for Designated Funds/Projects	
Line # From Statistical Tables		52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53	
59	NAPOLÉONVILLE, WOODLAWN	0	0	0	13631	56652	0	0	0	0	0	59
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST											60
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	4298	39650	0	0	0	0	0	61
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST											62
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	0	0	4730	0	58116	0	1784	0	0	1784	63
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	117	0	200	12644	73626	0	700	56724	0	57424	64
65	PALMETTO	0	0	0	0	21942	0	0	0	0	0	65
66	PATTERSON	5081	0	11700	5814	51729	0	0	0	0	0	66
67	PECAN ISLAND											67
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	0	0	13200	0	71987	2860	0	0	0	2860	68
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	0	0	7200	0	32979	0	0	0	0	0	69
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST											70
71	PORT BARRE	0	0	0	0	1200	0	0	0	0	0	71
72	RAYMOND											72
73	ROANOKE	0	0	0	2092	12216	0	0	0	0	0	73
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	0	0	0	4470	19721	0	0	0	30	30	74
75	SCOTT	0	0	0	5851	74061	0	0	0	193	193	75
76	SQUYRES	0	0	0	0	93459	0	929	5809	0	6738	76
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON											77
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	0	0	0	0	38525	15047	0	0	0	15047	78
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	10401	0	18050	0	528250	0	737697	4597094	0	5334791	79
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	12460	0	25809	0	66248	0	0	0	37	37	80
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	109358	0	0	0	6074	6074	81
82	SWEETLAKE											82
83	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	0	0	0	0	73880	0	0	0	0	0	83
84	THIBODAUX, FIRST	17450	0	20011	6186	271353	0	65	0	1189	1254	84
85	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	0	0	0	0	62316	0	0	0	0	0	85
86	VACHERIE											86
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD					0					0	87
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL											88
89	WARREN	0	9890	0	11261	95935	0	0	18000	0	18000	89
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	23832	0	0	0	0	0	90
91	WELSH, FIRST	0	0	4971	0	106026	0	0	0	0	0	91
92	WELSH, JONES	0	0	0	1673	9957	0	1375	0	0	1375	92
93	WESTLAKE	0	0	5135	678	147388	0	27961	0	0	27961	93
	SUBTOTAL	45509	9890	111006	68598	2140406	17907	770511	4677627	7523	5473568	
	TOTALS	301767	256906	549244	1514566	10959868	71095	825593	7450441	109322	8456451	

		Non-Operating Income Cont.					
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Received Through Equitable Comp	Received Through Other Connectional Sources	Received Through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income	
Line # From Statistical Tables		54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55	
1	ABBEVILLE	0	0	12840	12840	113466	1
2	ABBEVILLE, BRIGGS	0	0	0	0	45907	2
3	BALDWIN, TRINITY	0	0	0	0	81488	3
4	BAYOU GOULA, ST. LUKE						4
5	BELLE ROSE, ST. JAMES						5
6	BERWICK, FIRST	0	0	0	0	70285	6
7	BERWICK, MASON	0	0	0	0	37120	7
8	BRANCH	0	0	0	0	5662	8
9	BROUSSARD, FAITH COMMUNITY UMC						9
10	CHURCH POINT	0	0	0	0	21284	10
11	CROWLEY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	217580	11
12	DEQUINCY						12
13	DERIDDER, FIRST	0	0	3000	3000	554633	13
14	DONALDSONVILLE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	17110	14
15	DONALDSONVILLE, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	27386	15
16	DULAC, CLANTON CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	68514	16
17	EBENEZER						17
18	ELTON						18
19	EUNICE	0	0	0	0	73827	19
20	FRANKLIN, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	37058	20
21	FRANKLIN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	104559	21
22	FRANKLIN, MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	4171	22
23	GOLDEN MEADOW						23
24	GUEYDAN						24
25	HACKBERRY	0	0	0	0	15526	25
26	HOUMA, FIRST	76712	0	0	76712	438799	26
27	HOUMA, MT. VERNON						27
28	HOUMA, WESLEY						28
29	INDIAN BAYOU						29
30	IOWA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	57600	30
31	JEANERETTE, MCGOWEN	0	0	0	0	13656	31
32	JEANERETTE, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	50072	32
33	JEANERETTE, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	100845	33
34	JENNINGS	0	0	0	0	51390	34
35	KAPLAN	0	0	0	0	66015	35
36	KROTZ SPRINGS						36
37	LAFAYETTE, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	1520596	37
38	LAFAYETTE, COVENANT	0	0	0	0	532699	38
39	LAFAYETTE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	267868	39
40	LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA AVENUE	0	0	0	0	79054	40
41	LAFAYETTE, NORTHWOOD	13500	2958	0	16458	180451	41
42	LAKE ARTHUR	0	0	0	0	331251	42
43	LAKE CHARLES, FIRST	0	0	406109	406109	2473640	43
44	LAKE CHARLES, UNIVERSITY	0	0	0	0	4020294	44
45	LOTTIE, GREEN CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	8317	45
46	LOTTIE, WILEY	0	0	0	0	12384	46
48	LYDIA						48
49	MALLALIEU	0	0	0	0	30370	49
50	MARINGOUIN, SHILOH				0	0	50
51	MARINGOUIN, ST. PETER	0	0	0	0	27968	51
52	MATHEWS, MEMORIAL						52
53	MELVILLE	0	0	0	0	31618	53
54	MERRYVILLE						54
55	MORGAN CITY, PHARR CHAPEL	0	787	0	787	243540	55
56	MORGAN CITY, WALMSLEY	0	0	0	0	20581	56
57	MOSS BLUFF	0	0	0	0	226622	57
58	NAPOLEONVILLE, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	37045	58
	SUBTOTAL	90212	3745	421949	515906	12318251	

		Non-Operating Income Cont.				
Lake Charles-Acadiana		Received through Equitable Comp	Received through Other Connectional Sources	Received through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income
Line # From Statistical Tables		54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55
59	NAPOLÉONVILLE, WOODLAWN	0	0	0	0	56652
60	NEW IBERIA, FIRST					60
61	NEW IBERIA, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	39650
62	NEW ROADS, FIRST					62
63	OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	59900
64	OPELOUSAS, ST. MARK	0	833	0	833	131883
65	PALMETTO	0	0	0	0	21942
66	PATTERSON	0	0	0	0	51729
67	PECAN ISLAND					67
68	PLAQUEMINE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	74847
69	PLAQUEMINE, GRAND RIVER	0	0	0	0	32979
70	PLAQUEMINE, HURST					70
71	PORT BARRE	0	0	0	0	1200
72	RAYMOND					72
73	ROANOKE	0	0	0	0	12216
74	ROSEDALE, HARTZELL	0	0	0	0	19751
75	SCOTT	0	0	0	0	74254
76	SQUYRES	0	0	0	0	100197
77	ST. LUKE SIMPSON					77
78	ST. MARTINVILLE, MALLALIEU	0	0	0	0	53572
79	SULPHUR, HENNING MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	5863041
80	SULPHUR, MAPLEWOOD	0	0	0	0	66285
81	SULPHUR, WESLEY	0	0	0	0	115432
82	SWEETLAKE					82
83	THIBODAUX, CALVARY	0	0	0	0	73880
84	THIBODAUX, FIRST	0	0	60000	60000	332607
85	THIBODAUX, MAGNOLIA	0	0	0	0	62316
86	VACHERIE					86
87	VERDUNVILLE, FITZGERALD				0	0
88	VINTON, WELSH MEMORIAL					88
89	WARREN	0	0	0	0	113935
90	WAXIA, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	23832
91	WELSH, FIRST	0	0	0	0	106026
92	WELSH, JONES	0	0	0	0	11332
93	WESTLAKE	0	0	0	0	175349
	SUBTOTAL	0	833	60000	60833	7674807
	TOTALS	90212	4578	481949	576739	19993058

		Membership and Worship														
	Monroe	Members at close of 2022	Received through Confirmation	Received by Profession of faith non-Confirmation	Restored	Added by correction	Transferred from a UMC	Transferred from a non-UMC	Removed by Charge Conf	Withdrawn	Removed by Correction	Transferred to another UMC	Transferred to a non-UMC	Removed by Death	Members at close of 2023	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
1	ANSLEY	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1
2	ANTIOCH, EROS	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	2
3	BARTHOLOMEW	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	9	0	0	3
4	BASTROP, FIRST	315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	171	6	0	6	132	4
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	1	22	0	0	5
6	BEECH GROVE	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	6
7	BEEKMAN	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	7
8	BERNICE	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	8
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	9
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE	0														10
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	206	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	189	0	0	11
12	CENTERPOINT	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	12
13	CLAIBORNE	33	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	32	2	0	13
14	CLAY	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	48	14
15	COLLINSTON	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	0	15
16	COLUMBIA															16
17	CREW LAKE	0														17
18	DELHI	0														18
19	DODSON	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	19
20	DOWNSVILLE	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	52	0	0	20
21	DUBACH	131	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	51	21
22	FARMERVILLE	305	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	303	0	0	22
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S	224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	224	0	0	23
24	HOLLY RIDGE	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	24
25	JONESBORO HODGE	45	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	25
26	KILBOURNE	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	26
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE	0														27
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL	0														28
29	LOCUST GROVE	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	29
30	MARION	43	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	1	27	30
31	MCGUIRE	222	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	214	1	0	31
32	MER ROUGE	70	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	23	32
33	MONROE, FIRST	0														33
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	109	0	0	34
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	861	11	4	1	0	27	17	0	30	1	0	43	6	841	35
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	36
37	MT. SINAI															37
38	NEW HOPE	28														38
39	OAK GROVE	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	0	0	39
40	OAK RIDGE	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	40
41	QUITMAN	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	41
42	RAYVILLE	0														42
43	REFUGE	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	43
44	RUSTON, GRACE	389	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	23	253	0	0	44
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	1175	10	1	0	0	14	12	0	11	177	14	1008	2	0	45
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL	0														46
47	SALEM	59	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	44	1	0	47
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH	0														48
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	37	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	49
50	ST. JAMES	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	50
51	ST. PAUL	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	51
52	SUMMERFIELD	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	52
51	TALLULAH	0														51
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	62	1	0	52
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH	0														53
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	723	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	723	0	0	54
55	WILHITE	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	0	0	55
56	WOODLAWN	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	68	0	0	56
	TOTALS	6193	22	11	1	0	46	30	0	59	737	130	3833	20	1496	

		Membership & Worship Cont.																	
	Monroe	Asian Members	Black/African Am Members	Hispanic/Latino Members	Native American Members	Pacific Islander Members	White Members	Multiracial Members	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total Membership Gender	Average Worship Attendance	Average Online Worship	Number Baptized Aged 0-12	Number Baptized Aged 13+	Total Number of Persons Baptized		
	Line # From Statistical Tables	5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8		
1	ANSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11	5	6	11	18	4	0	0	0	1	
2	ANTIOCH, EROS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
3	BARTHOLOMEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	
4	BASTROP, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	132	0	132	70	62	132	70	26	0	0	0	4	
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	5	
6	BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	12	7	19	11	0	0	0	0	6	
7	BEEKMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	7	
8	BERNICE	0	0	4	0	0	38	0	42	26	16	42	20	50	0	0	0	8	
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	17	10	7	17	12	2	0	0	0	9	
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE																	10	
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	
12	CENTERPOINT	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28	19	9	28	9	0	0	0	0	12	
13	CLAIBORNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	0	13	
14	CLAY	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	48	24	24	48	14	52	0	0	0	14	
15	COLLINSTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	
16	COLUMBIA																	16	
17	CREW LAKE																	17	
18	DELHI																	18	
19	DODSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	
20	DOWNSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	
21	DUBACH	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	51	29	22	51	28	15	2	1	3	21	
22	FARMERVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	16	8	8	16	5	0	0	0	0	24	
25	JONESBORO HODGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	25	
26	KILBOURNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE																	27	
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL																	28	
29	LOCUST GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	
30	MARION	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	27	15	12	27	17	25	0	1	1	30	
31	MCGUIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	6	2	0	2	31	
32	MER ROUGE	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	23	15	8	23	20	8	0	0	0	32	
33	MONROE, FIRST																	33	
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	34	
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	13	1	0	0	0	827	0	841	447	394	841	232	29	8	1	9	35	
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	71	41	30	71	27	0	0	0	0	36	
37	MT. SINAI																	37	
38	NEW HOPE																	38	
39	OAK GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	39	
40	OAK RIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	40	
41	QUITMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	
42	RAYVILLE																	42	
43	REFUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	
44	RUSTON, GRACE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	378	128	7	1	8	45	
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL																	46	
47	SALEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	2	2	47	
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH																	48	
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	49	
50	ST. JAMES	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	35	7	42	20	0	0	0	0	50	
51	ST. PAUL	3	115	0	0	0	1	2	121	80	41	121	70	0	0	0	0	51	
52	SUMMERFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	5	2	7	12	0	0	0	0	52	
51	TALLULAH																	51	
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	5	1	0	1	52	
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH																	53	
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	
55	WILHITE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	
56	WOODLAWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	
	TOTALS	16	229	4	0	0	1244	3	1496	841	655	1496	1261	365	20	6	26		

		Mem. & Wor. Cont		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries										
Monroe		# Baptized but not Professing	Other Constituents	Children in Christian Formation Groups	Youth in Christian Formation Groups	Young Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Other Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Total Christian Formation Group Participants	Enrolled in Confirmation	Average Sunday School Attendance	VBS Participants	# SS Classes	Ongoing Small Groups/Classes Other than SS	Short Term Small Groups/classes
Line # From Statistical Tables		9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	ANSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0 1
2	ANTIOCH, EROS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 2
3	BARTHOLOMEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 3
4	BASTROP, FIRST	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	6	20	1	2	2 4
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 5
6	BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 6
7	BEEKMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 7
8	BERNICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 8
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 9
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE													10
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 11
12	CENTERPOINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0 12
13	CLAIBORNE	1	5	2	0	0	7	9	0	6	0	1	1	1 13
14	CLAY	0	3	8	1	0	9	18	0	7	0	2	2	0 14
15	COLLINSTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 15
16	COLUMBIA													16
17	CREW LAKE													17
18	DELHI													18
19	DODSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 19
20	DOWNSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 20
21	DUBACH	6	0	7	0	0	18	25	0	15	20	3	1	0 21
22	FARMERVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 22
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 23
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 24
25	JONESBORO HODGE	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	0	1	0	0 25
26	KILBOURNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 26
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE													27
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL													28
29	LOCUST GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 29
30	MARION	0	55	0	0	0	7	7	0	6	0	1	1	0 30
31	MCGUIRE	4	24	5	0	0	23	28	0	15	60	3	2	1 31
32	MER ROUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 32
33	MONROE, FIRST													33
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	0	10	3	0	0	0	3	0	22	0	3	4	0 34
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	38	25	88	31	85	112	316	11	114	155	6	7	6 35
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	0	0	3	3	0	21	27	0	27	0	1	1	0 36
37	MT. SINAI													37
38	NEW HOPE													38
39	OAK GROVE	0	0	5	7	7	39	58	0	18	0	4	2	0 39
40	OAK RIDGE	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 40
41	QUITMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 41
42	RAYVILLE													42
43	REFUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 43
44	RUSTON, GRACE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 44
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	35	41	88	128	17	225	458	10	211	0	19	18	21 45
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL													46
47	SALEM	0	0	2	0	0	12	14	0	14	2	0	0	1 47
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH													48
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1 49
50	ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 50
51	ST. PAUL	0	0	12	20	8	40	80	0	45	170	5	4	5 51
52	SUMMERFIELD	0	3	2	0	0	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	0 52
51	TALLULAH													51
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	1	5	5	0	0	15	20	0	8	0	1	1	1 52
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH													53
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 54
55	WILHITE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 55
56	WOODLAWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 56
TOTALS		88	204	230	190	117	539	1076	21	529	427	55	46	39

		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries Cont.										
Monroe		Membership UMM	Amount Paid By UMM for Projects	Membership UMW	Amount Paid By UMW for Projects	Number Of VIM Teams Sent	Number Of VIM Participants	Total Number of Ministries for Outreach, Justice & Mercy	Number Of Ministries focused On Global/Regional Health	Number Of Ministries focused On Poor/Marginalized	Number Of Persons serving in Mission/Community Ministries	Number Of Persons served by Justice & Mercy Ministries
Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23
1	ANSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	ANTIOCH, EROS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BARTHOLOMEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	BASTROP, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	30	100
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	BEEKMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	BERNICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	10	22
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE											
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	CENTERPOINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	100
13	CLAIBORNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	4	13	150
14	CLAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	17	108
15	COLLINSTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	COLUMBIA											
17	CREW LAKE											
18	DELHI											
19	DODSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	DOWNSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	DUBACH	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	5	30	250
22	FARMERVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	12	11	150
25	JONESBORO HODGE	0	0	0	8	0	0	2	1	1	0	25
26	KILBOURNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE											
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL											
29	LOCUST GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	MARION	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	18	42
31	MCGUIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	70	1000
32	MER ROUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	MONROE, FIRST											
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	80	0	82	7020	1	14	11	3	8	518	7027
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	10
37	MT. SINAI											
38	NEW HOPE											
39	OAK GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	20	400
40	OAK RIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	QUITMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	RAYVILLE											
43	REFUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	RUSTON, GRACE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	5	17	200	400
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL											
47	SALEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5	847
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH											
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	15	18
50	ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	ST. PAUL	12	0	6	0	0	0	5	2	5	20	10
52	SUMMERFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	7	300
51	TALLULAH											
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	3	20	50
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH											
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	WILHITE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	WOODLAWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		92	0	88	7028	1	14	97	23	76	1023	11009

		Property & Assests				Apportionments				
	Monroe	Market Value of Land, Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a	29b.	
1	ANSLEY	0	4192	0	0	1007	0	0	0	1
2	ANTIOCH, EROS					966	0	966	0	2
3	BARTHOLOMEW	100000	5867	0	0	1641	0	1641	0	3
4	BASTROP, FIRST	5847000	709000	0	0	14032	0	14032	0	4
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	604207	61923	0	0	3709	0	3709	0	5
6	BEECH GROVE	4700	0	0	0	562	0	562	0	6
7	BEEKMAN	100000	6184	0	0	816	0	816	0	7
8	BERNICE	925000	49078	0	0	4873	0	0	0	8
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	130000	21934	0	0	1446	0	1446	0	9
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE					2568	0	2568	0	10
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	3128400	115282	0	0	8361	0	8361	0	11
12	CENTERPOINT	300000	510	0	0	982	0	982	0	12
13	CLAIBORNE	2084800	147780	0	0	2313	0	2313	0	13
14	CLAY	318300	9735	0	0	1851	0	1851	0	14
15	COLLINSTON					4742	0	4742	0	15
16	COLUMBIA					15008	0	15008	0	16
17	CREW LAKE					4209	0	4209	0	17
18	DELHI					5439	0	5439	0	18
19	DODSON					681	0	681	0	19
20	DOWNSVILLE					4854	0	4854	0	20
21	DUBACH	422644	150258	0	0	4565	0	4565	0	21
22	FARMERVILLE					18760	0	18760	0	22
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S					22198	0	22198	0	23
24	HOLLY RIDGE	335000	215	0	0	423	0	0	0	24
25	JONESBORO HODGE	309400	263585	0	0	5309	0	5309	0	25
26	KILBOURNE					1574	0	1574	0	26
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE					10811	0	10811	0	27
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL					52676	0	52676	0	28
29	LOCUST GROVE					1567	0	1567	0	29
30	MARION	200000	272065	0	0	5472	0	5472	0	30
31	MCGUIRE	7488000	126655	0	0	32675	0	32675	0	31
32	MER ROUGE	500000	619865	0	0	4717	0	4717	0	32
33	MONROE, FIRST					108598	0	108598	0	33
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	2420900	37963	0	1000	11836	0	11836	0	34
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	3591590	1899466	0	0	70049	0	70049	0	35
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	120000	130	0	0	3706	0	0	0	36
37	MT. SINAI					0	0	0	0	37
38	NEW HOPE					748	0	0	0	38
39	OAK GROVE	2000000	58520	0	0	12833	0	12833	0	39
40	OAK RIDGE	666000	50000	0	0	2186	0	2186	0	40
41	QUITMAN					3073	0	3073	0	41
42	RAYVILLE					19201	0	19201	0	42
43	REFUGE	2117100	7220	0	0	4892	0	313	0	43
44	RUSTON, GRACE					32204	0	32204	0	44
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	41553800	8776265	0	0	158187	0	158187	0	45
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL					2056	0	2056	0	46
47	SALEM	1250000	362742	0	0	7931	0	7931	0	47
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH					2347	0	2347	0	48
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	1313900	14247	0	0	3370	0	3370	0	49
50	ST. JAMES	150000	17000	0	0	2827	0	0	0	50
51	ST. PAUL	200000	19760	0	0	1947	0	1947	0	51
52	SUMMERFIELD	3300	0	0	0	1915	0	0	0	52
51	TALLULAH					11924	0	11924	0	51
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	1072000	30620	0	0	7471	0	7471	0	52
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH					9283	0	9283	0	53
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	8366030	48260	0	0	59413	0	59413	0	54
55	WILHITE					807	0	807	0	55
56	WOODLAWN					1490	0	1490	0	56
	TOTALS	87622071	13886321	0	1000	781101	0	761023	0	

		Benevolences								
	Monroe	Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday
	Line # From Statistical Tables	30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.
1	ANSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	ANTIOCH, EROS	0	0	1932	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BARTHOLOMEW	0	0	3282	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	BASTROP, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	0	0	7789	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	BEEKMAN	0	0	1632	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	BERNICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	0	0	17419	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	CENTERPOINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	CLAIBORNE	0	0	4626	0	0	0	19	140	0
14	CLAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	COLLINSTON	0	0	9484	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	COLUMBIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	CREW LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	DELHI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	DODSON	0	0	1362	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	DOWNSVILLE	0	0	9708	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	DUBACH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	FARMERVILLE	0	0	40647	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S	0	0	45396	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	JONESBORO HODGE	0	0	10618	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	KILBOURNE	0	0	3148	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	LOCUST GROVE	0	0	3291	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	MARION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	MCGUIRE	0	0	65350	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	MER ROUGE	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	MONROE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	0	0	23672	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	0	0	500	0	883	0	0	0	0
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	MT. SINAI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	NEW HOPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	OAK GROVE	0	0	25666	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	OAK RIDGE	0	0	4372	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	QUITMAN	0	0	6146	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	RAYVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	REFUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	RUSTON, GRACE	0	0	64408	0	600	0	0	0	0
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	0	0	332193	0	102	0	0	0	0
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	SALEM	0	0	15862	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	0	0	6740	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	SUMMERFIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	TALLULAH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	0	0	14942	0	0	0	63	0	0
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	0	0	118826	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	WILHITE	0	0	1614	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	WOODLAWN	0	0	2980	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	90	0	843605	0	1585	0	82	140	0

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support		
	Monroe	Native American Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40	
1	ANSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	ANTIOCH, EROS	0	0	0					2
3	BARTHOLOMEW	0	0	0	0	619	0	0	3
4	BASTROP, FIRST	0	0	0	250	7280	5686	10775	4
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	1278	0	0	6
7	BEEKMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	BERNICE	0	0	0	0	792	0	0	8
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	1728	0	9
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE	0	0	0					10
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	2521	2900	363	11
12	CENTERPOINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
13	CLAIBORNE	0	0	0	0	0	658	1595	13
14	CLAY	0	0	0	0	876	1020	0	14
15	COLLINSTON	0	0	0					15
16	COLUMBIA	0	0	0					16
17	CREW LAKE	0	0	0					17
18	DELHI	0	0	0					18
19	DODSON	0	0	0					19
20	DOWNSVILLE	0	0	0					20
21	DUBACH	0	0	0	0	1711	5402	8202	21
22	FARMERVILLE	0	0	0	0				22
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S	0	0	0					23
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	JONESBORO HODGE	0	0	0	0	1576	0	0	25
26	KILBOURNE	0	0	0	0				26
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE	0	0	0					27
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL	0	0	0					28
29	LOCUST GROVE	0	0	0					29
30	MARION	0	0	0	0	500	4880	0	30
31	MCGUIRE	0	0	0	0	0	4098	5960	31
32	MER ROUGE	0	0	0	0	0	2766	5324	32
33	MONROE, FIRST	0	0	0	0				33
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	0	0	0	162	303	1226	0	34
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	0	0	0	6610	91700	14576	17880	35
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	0	0	0	0	100	2300	0	36
37	MT. SINAI	0	0	0					37
38	NEW HOPE	0	0	0					38
39	OAK GROVE	0	0	0	0	3424	2834	4978	39
40	OAK RIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	360	0	40
41	QUITMAN	0	0	0					41
42	RAYVILLE	0	0	0					42
43	REFUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
44	RUSTON, GRACE	0	0	0					44
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	0	0	0	0	38837	5374	5960	45
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	0					46
47	SALEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH	0	0	0					48
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	1270	0	0	49
50	ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	495	1290	0	50
51	ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	4050	2272	0	51
52	SUMMERFIELD	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	52
51	TALLULAH	0	0	0					51
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	650	545	675	52
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH	0	0	0					53
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	4704	6833	54
55	WILHITE	0	0	0					55
56	WOODLAWN	0	0	0					56
	TOTALS	0	0	0	7022	158482	64619	68545	

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.	
Monroe		Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers	
Line # From Statistical Tables		41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42.	43	44	45	
1	ANSLEY	7200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	1
2	ANTIOCH, EROS											2
3	BARTHOLOMEW	4015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	633	3
4	BASTROP, FIRST	25466	0	0	2400	0	0	2400	1397	0	56274	4
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6128	5
6	BEECH GROVE	1200	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	0	470	6
7	BEEKMAN	949	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	BERNICE	17000	0	0	5800	0	0	5800	8600	0	0	8
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	7200	0	0	4000	0	0	4000	0	0	50	9
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE											10
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	10922	0	0	1125	0	0	1125	0	0	4782	11
12	CENTERPOINT	3000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
13	CLAIBORNE	3294	0	0	0	0	0	0	370	0	1262	13
14	CLAY	10200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	COLLINSTON											15
16	COLUMBIA											16
17	CREW LAKE											17
18	DELHI											18
19	DODSON											19
20	DOWNSVILLE											20
21	DUBACH	23508	0	0	3500	0	0	3500	0	0	5755	21
22	FARMERVILLE											22
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S											23
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	JONESBORO HODGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10744	25
26	KILBOURNE											26
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE											27
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL											28
29	LOCUST GROVE											29
30	MARION	12200	0	0	20200	0	0	20200	0	0	2716	30
31	MCGUIRE	19358	0	0	2800	0	0	2800	6018	0	62783	31
32	MER ROUGE	14329	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6562	32
33	MONROE, FIRST											33
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	4774	0	0	1226	0	0	1226	111	0	11882	34
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	86183	0	0	30300	0	0	30300	3600	0	356942	35
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	23000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4800	36
37	MT. SINAI											37
38	NEW HOPE											38
39	OAK GROVE	12131	0	0	2040	0	0	2040	2249	0	17749	39
40	OAK RIDGE	2400	0	0	0	0	0	0	538	0	2125	40
41	QUITMAN											41
42	RAYVILLE											42
43	REFUGE	832	0	0	968	0	0	968	0	0	623	43
44	RUSTON, GRACE											44
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	44437	15833	0	14588	14000	0	28588	3250	0	338297	45
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL											46
47	SALEM	7399	0	0	6893	0	0	6893	0	0	6600	47
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH											48
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	2100	0	0	4916	0	0	4916	0	0	1800	49
50	ST. JAMES	7800	0	0	800	0	0	800	300	0	1500	50
51	ST. PAUL	7944	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	0	0	0	51
52	SUMMERFIELD	6000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2150	52
51	TALLULAH											51
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	11831	0	0	3600	0	0	3600	750	0	1900	52
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH											53
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	33050	0	0	3000	0	0	3000	2681	0	0	54
55	WILHITE											55
56	WOODLAWN											56
TOTALS		409722	15833	0	115356	14000	0	129356	30864	0	904652	

		Local Church Expenditures								Operating Income				
	Monroe	Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid On Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number Of Giving Units	Received Through Pledges	Received Through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received Through Unidentified Givers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.	
1	ANSLEY	125	629	8079	1751	2380	0	0	9830	8	0	7726	0	1
2	ANTIOCH, EROS													2
3	BARTHOLOMEW	253	1171	6072	1486	2657	0	0	13100	7	0	8850	0	3
4	BASTROP, FIRST	5512	37164	128213	26592	63756	0	2797	195625	29	101633	42092	8616	4
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	72	3101	9301	1590	4691	0	10766	33155	13	0	76934	745	5
6	BEECH GROVE	0	1163	3833	0	1163	0	0	5673	8	0	9073	0	6
7	BEEKMAN	0	1281	2230	429	1710	0	0	5107	5	0	2724	0	7
8	BERNICE	460	9388	41248	8278	17666	0	0	50318	37	0	45705	2239	8
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	0	1752	13002	4234	5986	0	0	20410	7	0	0	25294	9
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE													10
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	550	13062	30441	8328	21390	0	6500	76833	30	0	39283	2490	11
12	CENTERPOINT	323	1550	4873	1559	3109	0	0	7414	3	0	7433	0	12
13	CLAIBORNE	191	3809	8926	1546	5355	0	0	19823	13	0	18617	905	13
14	CLAY	0	6874	17074	8594	15468	0	0	29415	24	0	14739	938	14
15	COLLINSTON													15
16	COLUMBIA													16
17	CREW LAKE													17
18	DELHI													18
19	DODSON													19
20	DOWNSVILLE													20
21	DUBACH	491	18567	51821	10125	28692	0	0	81826	27	0	63665	1653	21
22	FARMERVILLE													22
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S													23
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	2013	2013	1453	3466	0	0	3466	6	0	3270	0	24
25	JONESBORO HODGE	601	12786	24131	8141	20927	0	0	49775	36	21715	0	0	25
26	KILBOURNE													26
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE													27
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL													28
29	LOCUST GROVE													29
30	MARION	793	6976	42885	5568	12544	0	0	59305	11	0	34461	0	30
31	MCGUIRE	6146	47571	144676	14820	62391	0	9210	276789	75	0	136787	718	31
32	MER ROUGE	3849	11297	36037	7947	19244	0	0	56881	20	0	42008	4700	32
33	MONROE, FIRST													33
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	34831	18671	71495	5001	23672	0	0	113695	25	49122	1580	1374	34
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	122809	161359	761193	36928	198287	0	19057	1019376	301	673494	202697	19418	35
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	260	4363	32423	2909	7272	0	0	37732	27	0	27626	1182	36
37	MT. SINAI													37
38	NEW HOPE													38
39	OAK GROVE	258	8681	43108	3686	12367	0	0	96529	50	0	66713	30142	39
40	OAK RIDGE	0	3416	8479	152	3568	0	0	15549	14	250	6924	214	40
41	QUITMAN													41
42	RAYVILLE													42
43	REFUGE	0	2425	4848	500	2925	0	0	5661	17	0	0	0	43
44	RUSTON, GRACE													44
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	34311	203556	668272	50954	254510	0	279	1260158	189	743833	97987	15228	45
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL													46
47	SALEM	593	15544	37029	0	15544	0	0	60822	23	0	43212	1856	47
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH													48
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	365	3150	12331	3086	6236	0	0	26797	39	0	13744	0	49
50	ST. JAMES	75	14200	24675	14200	28400	0	0	40660	15	0	15000	0	50
51	ST. PAUL	5645	9845	30634	3430	13275	0	3670	46003	60	0	23300	3440	51
52	SUMMERFIELD	2009	2168	12327	0	2168	0	0	12827	6	0	21970	0	52
51	TALLULAH													51
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	306	2650	21037	10500	13150	0	0	55883	27	31542	0	15331	52
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH													53
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST	0	0	38731	0	0	0	0	228507					54
55	WILHITE													55
56	WOODLAWN													56
	TOTALS	220828	630182	2341437	243787	873969	0	52279	4014944	1152	1621589	1074120	136483	

		Operating Income Cont.					Non-Operating Income					
Monroe		Received Through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received Through Sale of Assets	Received Through Fees, Rents, Contributions	Received Through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received Through Capital Campaigns	Received Through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received Through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays Advance Specials, etc	Total Received For Designated Funds/Projects	
Line # From Statistical Tables		52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53	
1	ANSLEY	0	0	0	0	7726	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	ANTIOCH, EROS											2
3	BARTHOLOMEW	270	9120	0	0	18240	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	BASTROP, FIRST	57011	0	0	0	209352	0	5710	0	0	5710	4
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	77679	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	9073	0	0	0	0	0	6
7	BEEKMAN	0	0	0	0	2724	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	BERNICE	107	0	0	0	48051	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	25294	0	0	0	0	0	9
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE											10
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	333	0	7050	0	49156	0	0	0	0	0	11
12	CENTERPOINT	0	0	0	0	7433	0	0	0	0	0	12
13	CLAIBORNE	1338	0	0	0	20860	0	300	0	414	714	13
14	CLAY	0	0	7200	0	22877	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	COLLINSTON											15
16	COLUMBIA											16
17	CREW LAKE											17
18	DELHI											18
19	DODSON											19
20	DOWNSVILLE											20
21	DUBACH	467	0	0	0	65785	0	591	0	0	591	21
22	FARMERVILLE											22
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S											23
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	0	0	0	3270	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	JONESBORO HODGE	0	0	0	0	21715	0	0	0	0	0	25
26	KILBOURNE											26
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE											27
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL											28
29	LOCUST GROVE											29
30	MARION	0	0	0	0	34461	0	0	0	0	0	30
31	MCGUIRE	0	0	26554	0	164059	0	765	0	780	1545	31
32	MER ROUGE	13305	0	8160	0	68173	0	100	0	0	100	32
33	MONROE, FIRST											33
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	44	0	100	0	52220	0	3698	0	0	3698	34
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	19006	0	1870	146965	1063450	5465	31065	0	15825	52355	35
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	0	0	0	0	28808	0	0	0	0	0	36
37	MT. SINAI											37
38	NEW HOPE											38
39	OAK GROVE	0	0	120	312	97287	0	0	0	0	0	39
40	OAK RIDGE	46	0	0	0	7434	0	0	0	0	0	40
41	QUITMAN											41
42	RAYVILLE											42
43	REFUGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
44	RUSTON, GRACE											44
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	0	0	2555	188994	1048597	0	0	0	0	0	45
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL											46
47	SALEM	7667	0	0	0	52735	0	0	0	0	0	47
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH											48
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	1078	14822	0	0	9500	0	9500	49
50	ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	15000	0	0	0	0	0	50
51	ST. PAUL	0	0	0	1500	28240	3500	0	0	500	4000	51
52	SUMMERFIELD	158	0	0	0	22128	0	0	0	0	0	52
51	TALLULAH											51
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	90	0	0	0	46963	0	0	22413	0	22413	52
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH											53
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST											54
55	WILHITE											55
56	WOODLAWN											56
TOTALS		99842	9120	53609	338849	3333612	8965	42229	31913	17519	100626	

		Non-Operating Income Cont.				
Monroe		Received Through Equitable Comp	Received Through Other Connectional Sources	Received Through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income
Line # From Statistical Tables		54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55
1	ANSLEY	0	0	0	0	7726
2	ANTIOCH, EROS					
3	BARTHOLOMEW	0	0	0	0	18240
4	BASTROP, FIRST	0	3666	0	3666	218728
5	BASTROP, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	77679
6	BEECH GROVE	0	0	0	0	9073
7	BEEKMAN	0	0	0	0	2724
8	BERNICE	0	0	0	0	48051
9	BIRDS CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	25294
10	BOEUF PRAIRIE					
11	CALHOUN, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	49156
12	CENTERPOINT	0	0	0	0	7433
13	CLAIBORNE	0	0	3596	3596	25170
14	CLAY	0	0	0	0	22877
15	COLLINSTON					
16	COLUMBIA					
17	CREW LAKE					
18	DELHI					
19	DODSON					
20	DOWNSVILLE					
21	DUBACH	0	0	0	0	66376
22	FARMERVILLE					
23	FOUNDRY-ST. ANDREW'S					
24	HOLLY RIDGE	0	0	0	0	3270
25	JONESBORO HODGE	0	0	0	0	21715
26	KILBOURNE					
27	LAKE PROVIDENCE					
28	LEA JOYNER MEMORIAL					
29	LOCUST GROVE					
30	MARION	0	0	0	0	34461
31	MCGUIRE	0	0	0	0	165604
32	MER ROUGE	1833	0	0	1833	70106
33	MONROE, FIRST					
34	MONROE, ST. MARK'S	0	0	0	0	55918
35	MONROE, ST. PAUL'S	0	0	0	0	1115805
36	MT. OLIVE-ST. PETER'S UMC	0	0	0	0	28808
37	MT. SINAI					
38	NEW HOPE					
39	OAK GROVE	0	0	0	0	97287
40	OAK RIDGE	0	0	0	0	7434
41	QUITMAN					
42	RAYVILLE					
43	REFUGE	0	0	0	0	0
44	RUSTON, GRACE					
45	RUSTON, TRINITY	0	0	0	0	1048597
46	RUSTON, WESLEY CHAPEL					
47	SALEM	0	0	0	0	52735
48	SIMSBORO, ANTIOCH					
49	SIMSBORO, MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	24322
50	ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	15000
51	ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	32240
52	SUMMERFIELD	0	0	0	0	22128
51	TALLULAH					
52	WEST MONROE, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	69376
53	WEST MONROE, FAITH					
54	WEST MONROE, FIRST					
55	WILHITE					
56	WOODLAWN					
TOTALS		1833	3666	3596	9095	3443333

		Membership and Worship														
	New Orleans	Members at close of 2022	Received through Confirmation	Received by Profession of faith non-Confirmation	Restored	Added by correction	Transferred from a UMC	Transferred from a non-UMC	Removed by Charge Conf	Withdrawn	Removed by Correction	Transferred to another UMC	Transferred to a non-UMC	Removed by Death	Members at close of 2023	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
1	ALDRSGATE	730	6	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	5	1	7	731	1
2	ALGIERS	-3	0	0	0	191	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	189	2
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	42	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	3
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	1	87	4
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	249	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	246	5
6	AURORA	75	0	0	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	87	6
7	BELLE CHASSE	301	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	305	7
8	BETHANY	119	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	122	8
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	169	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	159	9
10	BOYNTON	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	80	10
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	58	0	1	0	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	56	11
12	BURAS, TRINITY															12
13	BUSH	72														13
14	CARROLLTON	81	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	87	14
15	CENTENARY	191														15
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT	68														16
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	68	17
18	CORNERSTONE	249	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	250	18
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	261	0	0	0	0	27	7	3	0	23	0	0	4	265	19
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	533	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	534	20
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	921	10	30	0	0	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	5	970	21
22	FIRST STREET P W	71	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	75	22
23	FISHER															23
24	FITZGERALD															24
25	GRETNA	670	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	36	60	0	0	3	578	25
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	69	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	68	26
27	HARTZELL	-1	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	27
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	354	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	171	0	0	6	178	28
29	HAVEN TRINITY	209	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	144	0	0	2	64	29
30	HAYES CHAPEL	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	30
31	KOREAN	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	31
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON	0														32
33	LAKE VISTA															33
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	271	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	125	0	0	1	143	34
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	22	0	0	1	22	35
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST															36
37	METAIRIE															37
38	MT. HERMON															38
39	MUNHOLLAND	712														39
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	151	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	2	173	40
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	284	0	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	291	41
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	147	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	145	42
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	219	0	1	2	0	5	5	0	0	134	0	0	3	95	43
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	182	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	182	44
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	98	45
46	NEWELL	48														46
47	NORTH CROSS	414														47
48	PEARL RIVER															48
49	PEOPLES	103	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	2	93	49
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	48	50
51	RAYNE	1711	10	0	0	3	13	7	0	0	3	0	3	9	1729	51
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	1112	0	1	0	0	2	8	0	3	1	2	5	11	1101	52
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	887	0	1	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	3	0	8	888	53
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.															54
55	SUN															55
56	THIRKIELD	67	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	69	56
57	THOMAS	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	2	111	57
58	VARNADO	107														58
59	WALDHEIM															59
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	174	2	1	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	1	1	167	60
61	WINAN	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	67	61
	TOTALS	12870	34	59	5	299	91	60	30	42	770	14	22	125	10803	

		Membership & Worship Cont.																
	New Orleans	Asian Members	Black/African Am Members	Hispanic/Latino Members	Native American Members	Pacific Islander Members	White Members	Multiracial Members	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total Membership Gender	Average Worship Attendance	Average Online Worship	Number Baptized Aged 0-12	Number Baptized Aged 13+	Total Number of Persons Baptized	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8	
1	ALDERSGATE	1	2	0	1	0	727	0	731	485	246	731	129	12	3	1	4	1
2	ALGIERS	0	12	0	0	0	172	5	189	111	78	189	44		0	0	0	2
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	26	19	45	65	6	0	0	0	3
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	87	51	36	87	60	5	0	0	0	4
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	0	246	0	0	0	0	0	246	173	73	246	85	5	0	0	0	5
6	AURORA	1	2	0	0	0	84	0	87	56	31	87	30	0	2	0	2	6
7	BELLE CHASSE	0	0	3	0	0	302	0	305	184	121	305	29	48	0	0	0	7
8	BETHANY	0	122	0	0	0	0	0	122	100	22	122	60	15	0	0	0	8
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	0	1	0	0	0	158	0	159	92	67	159	37	108	0	0	0	9
10	BOYNTON	0	78	1	0	0	1	0	80	57	23	80	40	19	0	0	0	10
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	32	24	56	48	0	2	0	2	11
12	BURAS, TRINITY																	12
13	BUSH																	13
14	CARROLLTON	2	8	2	0	0	73	2	87	50	37	87	50	25	0	0	0	14
15	CENTENARY																	15
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT																	16
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	45	23	68	23	0	0	0	0	17
18	CORNERSTONE	0	249	0	0	0	1	0	250	198	52	250	74	6	2	0	0	18
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	265	0	265	155	110	265	67	35	4	0	4	19
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	1	7	0	0	0	525	1	534	334	200	534	117	80	4	0	4	20
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	8	462	14	1	1	422	62	970	590	380	970	179	48	1	0	1	21
22	FIRST STREET P W	0	61	12	0	0	2	0	75	53	22	75	34	8	0	0	0	22
23	FISHER																	23
24	FITZGERALD																	24
25	GRETN	5	229	40	6	0	295	3	578	349	229	578	129	22	2	1	3	25
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	44	24	68	35	20	3	0	3	26
27	HARTZELL	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	24	20	44	25	0	0	0	0	27
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	0	163	3	0	0	9	3	178	88	90	178	80	50	1	1	2	28
29	HAVEN TRINITY	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	54	10	64	32	15	0	0	0	29
30	HAYES CHAPEL	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	29	22	51	25	6	0	0	0	30
31	KOREAN	41	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	27	15	42	18	0	0	0	0	31
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON																	32
33	LAKE VISTA																	33
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	5	19	0	0	0	119	0	143	79	64	143	21	0	0	0	0	34
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	22	15	7	22	15	3	1	0	1	35
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST																	36
37	METAIRIE																	37
38	MT. HERMON																	38
39	MUNHOLLAND																	39
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	1	1	2	0	0	169	0	173	95	78	173	60	45	5	0	5	40
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	0	283	0	0	0	3	5	291	195	96	291	141	5	2	3	5	41
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	0	141	4	0	0	0	0	145	107	38	145	45	25	0	0	0	42
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	2	1	1	0	0	90	1	95	62	33	95	79	7	3	0	3	43
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	0	51	4	0	0	127	0	182	68	114	182	67	91	0	0	0	44
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	98	67	31	98	25	10	0	0	0	45
46	NEWELL																	46
47	NORTH CROSS																	47
48	PEARL RIVER																	48
49	PEOPLES	0	90	1	0	0	1	1	93	70	23	93	35	5	1	0	1	49
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	35	13	48	12	2	2	0	2	50
51	RAYNE	21	30	16	1	2	1652	7	1729	1072	657	1729	262	21	13	0	13	51
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	9	5	3	0	0	1080	4	1101	664	437	1101	188	88	5	0	5	52
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	0	11	7	1	0	869	0	888	522	366	888	119	27	2	0	2	53
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.																	54
55	SUN																	55
56	THIRKIELD	0	68	0	0	0	0	1	69	38	31	69	35	0	0	0	0	56
57	THOMAS	0	111	0	0	0	0	0	111	63	48	111	32	23	1	0	1	57
58	VARNADO																	58
59	WALDHEIM																	59
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	0	167	0	0	0	0	0	167	100	67	167	30	7	1	0	1	60
61	WINAN	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	53	14	67	25	10	0	0	0	61
	TOTALS	97	3338	113	10	3	7147	95	10803	6712	4091	10803	2706	902	60	6	66	

		Mem. & Wor. Cont		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries												
	New Orleans	# Baptized but not Professing	Other Constituents	Children in Christian Formation Groups	Youth in Christian Formation Groups	Young Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Other Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Total Christian Formation Group Participants	Enrolled in Confirmation	Average Sunday School Attendance	VBS Participants	# SS Classes	Ongoing Small Groups/Classes Other than SS	Short Term Small Groups/classes		
	Line # From Statistical Tables	9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
1	ALDRSGATE	3	3	13	12	6	17	48	6	60	175	8	6	1	1	
2	ALGIERS	14	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	37	1	5	0	2	
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	0	5	4	5	6	7	22	7	6	0	2	0	0	3	
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	0	5	9	2	4	2	17	9	8	98	3	1	1	4	
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	0	4	9	6	10	11	36	0	25	0	0	2	2	5	
6	AURORA	7	21	11	0	0	12	23	0	27	0	4	8	1	6	
7	BELLE CHASSE	9	21	5	2	0	15	22	2	9	29	2	5	0	7	
8	BETHANY	0	0	2	1	2	15	20	0	15	0	0	1	1	8	
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	0	5	5	2	2	20	29	0	10	0	2	0	0	9	
10	BOYNTON	0	0	1	4	2	18	25	0	8	0	0	1	1	10	
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	2	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	50	9	2	0	11	
12	BURAS, TRINITY														12	
13	BUSH														13	
14	CARROLLTON	0	40	6	6	11	20	43	0	20	0	2	1	0	14	
15	CENTENARY														15	
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT														16	
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	
18	CORNERSTONE	0	0	16	9	7	5	37	0	0	0	2	0	2	18	
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	13	40	25	0	20	65	110	0	30	22	2	15	0	19	
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	88	347	130	84	6	146	366	0	128	0	2	16	0	20	
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	1	0	70	35	30	182	317	0	140	41	4	13	21	21	
22	FIRST STREET P W	0	5	0	0	0	18	18	0	18	0	1	3	0	22	
23	FISHER														23	
24	FITZGERALD														24	
25	GRETNA	26	92	15	8	0	63	86	6	42	57	4	3	4	25	
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	0	0	10	6	0	14	30	11	15	25	2	1	0	26	
27	HARTZELL	0	0	3	2	7	22	34	0	0	0	0	1	0	27	
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	2	0	8	10	0	30	48	0	20	75	1	6	1	28	
29	HAVEN TRINITY	0	0	1	2	2	5	10	0	0	0	0	2	2	29	
30	HAYES CHAPEL	0	12	8	12	5	13	38	0	6	0	1	1	1	30	
31	KOREAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	31	
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON														32	
33	LAKE VISTA														33	
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	0	3	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	0	1	0	1	34	
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	1	0	0	0	5	5	10	0	5	0	0	1	0	35	
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST														36	
37	METAIRIE														37	
38	MT. HERMON														38	
39	MUNHOLLAND														39	
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	0	3	8	6	0	28	42	0	0	0	0	5	0	40	
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	2	12	10	12	9	0	31	0	17	55	0	7	0	41	
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	21	68	9	10	6	44	69	0	14	0	4	1	3	43	
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	6	50	0	0	0	12	12	0	8	0	0	1	0	44	
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	
46	NEWELL														46	
47	NORTH CROSS														47	
48	PEARL RIVER														48	
49	PEOPLES	0	0	0	3	1	10	14	0	7	0	1	1	0	49	
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	25	0	1	0	50	
51	RAYNE	0	482	53	35	15	225	328	11	111	95	11	13	11	51	
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	240	242	40	42	2	174	258	0	70	65	7	9	13	52	
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	7	0	20	6	4	58	88	0	84	21	10	7	1	53	
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.														54	
55	SUN														55	
56	THIRKIELD	0	0	3	0	0	12	15	0	14	0	2	1	0	56	
57	THOMAS	5	3	5	5	3	70	83	0	23	55	1	7	2	57	
58	VARNADO														58	
59	WALDHEIM														59	
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	0	0	4	1	3	16	24	2	26	0	1	6	2	60	
61	WINAN	7	0	1	11	5	12	29	0	10	14	1	1	1	61	
	TOTALS	454	1509	504	339	173	1418	2434	54	1006	939	91	155	72		

		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries Cont.											
New Orleans		Membership UMM	Amount Paid By UMM for Projects	Membership UMW	Amount Paid By UMW for Projects	Number Of VIM Teams Sent	Number Of VIM Participants	Total Number of Ministries for Outreach, Justice & Mercy	Number Of Ministries focused On Global/Regional Health	Number Of Ministries focused On Poor/Marginalized	Number Of Persons serving in Mission/Community Ministries	Number Of Persons served by Justice & Mercy Ministries	
Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23	
1	ALDERSGATE	45	2500	0	0	0	0	7	2	7	166	2634	1
2	ALGIERS	8		15	2446	0	0	15	2	7	40	677	2
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	15	200	20	100	0	0	2	2	2	5	60	3
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	13	0	17	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	100	4
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	27	300	25	1000	0	0	2	2	2	5	50	5
6	AURORA	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	3	40	150	6
7	BELLE CHASSE	10	250	16	1246	1	15	10	0	7	33	483	7
8	BETHANY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	6	0	15	1784	0	0	3	2	3	25	300	9
10	BOYNTON	15	0	15	230	0	0	4	0	4	41	800	10
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	6	0	32	1000	0	0	3	0	3	0	100	11
12	BURAS, TRINITY												12
13	BUSH												13
14	CARROLLTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	5	60	400	14
15	CENTENARY												15
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT												16
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
18	CORNERSTONE	24	1341	26	0	0	0	3	1	1	23	1000	18
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	3	300	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	35	700	19
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	12	10	297	17027	20
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	0	0	45	800	0	0	11	2	9	42	3600	21
22	FIRST STREET P W	11	1002	14	643	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
23	FISHER												23
24	FITZGERALD												24
25	GRETNA	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	5	54	5256	25
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	10	0	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	26
27	HARTZELL	14	0	15	24	0	0	2	1	1	5	200	27
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	45	0	35	1750	0	50	3	1	0	50	250	28
29	HAVEN TRINITY	8	0	30	0	0	0	2	0	2	8	30	29
30	HAYES CHAPEL	8	0	19	0	0	0	2	1	2	8	130	30
31	KOREAN	4	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON												32
33	LAKE VISTA												33
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	9	261	34
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST												36
37	METAIRIE												37
38	MT. HERMON												38
39	MUNHOLLAND												39
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	25	50	40
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	15	200	43	0	0	0	1	0	10	8	120	41
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	12	250	28	402	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	42
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	7	161	2080	43
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	32	3380	44
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	4	0	10	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	45
46	NEWELL												46
47	NORTH CROSS												47
48	PEARL RIVER												48
49	PEOPLES	9	135	21	913	0	0	2	2	2	10	500	49
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
51	RAYNE	18	1893	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	259	9154	51
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	6	296	17538	52
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	0	0	50	800	0	0	5	1	4	56	5200	53
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.												54
55	SUN												55
56	THIRKIELD	8	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
57	THOMAS	10	0	20	0	0	0	4	1	96	40	1500	57
58	VARNADO												58
59	WALDHEIM												59
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	14	0	25	0	0	0	6	0	6	6	6	60
61	WINAN	8	0	10	0	0	0	3	1	3	10	80	61
TOTALS		375	8371	596	13538	1	65	206	72	242	1854	73822	

		Property & Assests				Apportionments				
New Orleans		Market Value of Land, Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments	
Line # From Statistical Tables		24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a	29b.	
1	ALDERSGATE	6687502	496839	0	5219	59148	0	59148	0	1
2	ALGIERS	1340000	25624	27507	0	7940	0	7940	0	2
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	500000	75690	0	0	3496	0	3496	0	3
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	1830200	59077	0	0	5665	0	5665	0	4
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	1351900	2099	250000	0	6483	0	6483	0	5
6	AURORA	5462886	227072	0	0	13993	0	13993	0	6
7	BELLE CHASSE	840000	211875	0	0	8745	0	8745	0	7
8	BETHANY	2000000	49925	0	0	12346	0	0	0	8
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	3525000	403089	0	0	16274	0	16274	0	9
10	BOYNTON	785653	74505	0	0	6975	0	6975	0	10
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	698000	254736	0	0	7621	0	7621	0	11
12	BURAS, TRINITY					3018	0	3018	0	12
13	BUSH					3942	0	3942	0	13
14	CARROLLTON	2315000	70048	0	0	12319	0	12319	0	14
15	CENTENARY					14342	0	14342	0	15
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT					5273	0	5273	0	16
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	150000	2962	0	0	1414	0	1414	0	17
18	CORNERSTONE	1709863	348249	0	0	23667	0	0	0	18
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	3191000	111089	76940	0	12186	0	12186	0	19
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	3800000	1115685	0	0	23710	0	23710	0	20
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	5709000	624094	0	146585	51967	0	36243	0	21
22	FIRST STREET P W	285300	70866	108000	0	10483	0	10483	0	22
23	FISHER					1840	0	153	0	23
24	FITZGERALD					8748	0	8748	0	24
25	GRETNA	3265500	334413	0	150000	29635	0	29635	0	25
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	450000	4372	0	0	2106	0	2106	0	26
27	HARTZELL	900000	1022	0	0	2936	0	0	0	27
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	3589300	162440	101860	0	19786	0	19786	0	28
29	HAVEN TRINITY	1110000	46295	0	0	6915	0	6915	0	29
30	HAYES CHAPEL	433000	4628	0	0	2595	0	2595	0	30
31	KOREAN					4687	0	0	0	31
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON					4424	0	1400	0	32
33	LAKE VISTA					10461	0	10461	0	33
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	1158791	460485	0	0	6709	0	0	0	34
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	161600	19042	0	0	2886	0	2886	0	35
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST					365	0	0	0	36
37	METAIRIE					0	0	0	0	37
38	MT. HERMON					2137	0	2137	0	38
39	MUNHOLLAND					78583	0	78583	0	39
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	1000000	659853	0	0	16834	0	16835	0	40
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	1316493	1115732	0	0	18463	0	18463	0	41
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	2689994	88200	190752	0	10633	0	10633	0	42
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	4739000	395412	70000	6000	18549	0	18549	0	43
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	80000	144777	0	0	6489	0	6489	0	44
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	596000	130378	0	0	4229	0	4229	0	45
46	NEWELL					2307	0	400	0	46
47	NORTH CROSS					25744	0	25744	0	47
48	PEARL RIVER					13656	0	13656	0	48
49	PEOPLES	963000	25455	0	0	4763	0	4763	0	49
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	500000	59218	15748	0	2387	0	2387	0	50
51	RAYNE	16330718	6758476	0	30857	126679	0	126679	0	51
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	7500000	845526	362575	12569	53017	0	53017	0	52
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	4614505	2864011	0	0	19919	0	19919	0	53
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.					229687	0	229687	0	54
55	SUN					1659	0	1659	0	55
56	THIRKIELD	175000	77288	0	0	4560	0	4560	0	56
57	THOMAS	440000	48424	0	30377	8375	0	8375	0	57
58	VARNADO					4983	0	4983	0	58
59	WALDHEIM					10155	0	10155	0	59
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	563200	57964	0	0	7115	0	7115	0	60
61	WINAN	1199300	20498	0	0	4717	0	4717	0	61
TOTALS		95956705	18547433	1203382	381607	1090740	0	1017689	0	

		Benevolences									
New Orleans		Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday	
Line # From Statistical Tables		30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.	
1	ALDERSGATE	0	0	0	0	138	0	0	100	0	1
2	ALGIERS	0	0	0	0	222	0	0	0	0	2
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	AURORA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
7	BELLE CHASSE	200	0	596	0	398	0	10	57	0	7
8	BETHANY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
10	BOYNTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	0	0	0	25	260	20	25	72	10	11
12	BURAS, TRINITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
13	BUSH	0	0	7884	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
14	CARROLLTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	CENTENARY	0	0	28684	0	4000	0	0	0	0	15
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT	0	0	10546	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	17
18	CORNERSTONE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	660	0	19
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
22	FIRST STREET P W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
23	FISHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
24	FITZGERALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	GRETNA	0	0	0	0	268	0	59	132	197	25
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	26
27	HARTZELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	300	0	0	0	280	0	0	0	0	28
29	HAVEN TRINITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
30	HAYES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
31	KOREAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
33	LAKE VISTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	25	0	25	20	45	20	20	20	20	35
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
37	METAIRIE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
38	MT. HERMON	0	0	4274	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
39	MUNHOLLAND	0	0	157166	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	0	0	0	0	146	0	0	25	0	40
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	10	0	50	10	248	10	10	10	10	43
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
46	NEWELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
47	NORTH CROSS	0	0	51488	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
48	PEARL RIVER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
49	PEOPLES	0	0	0	76	0	0	54	50	0	49
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
51	RAYNE	1000	0	0	0	454	0	0	0	0	51
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	1004	0	1308	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	0	0	250	0	0	0	89	162	0	53
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
55	SUN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
56	THIRKIELD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
57	THOMAS	0	0	0	0	138	0	20	20	36	57
58	VARNADO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
59	WALDHEIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
61	WINAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
TOTALS		2696	0	263271	151	6597	50	302	1308	273	

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support		
	New Orleans	Native American Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40	
1	ALDERSGATE	0	0	0	100	635323	13161	17880	1
2	ALGIERS	0	0	0	0	33153	4786	8940	2
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	0	0	0	0	10250	5085	2949	3
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	5355	3117	2687	4
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	0	0	0	0	6055	4780	7725	5
6	AURORA	0	0	0	5500	158708	0	4216	6
7	BELLE CHASSE	46	75	0	2639	2014	5133	8594	7
8	BETHANY	0	0	0	0	805	3085	0	8
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	0	0	0	0	15943	0	0	9
10	BOYNTON	0	0	0	0	3700	1900	0	10
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	20	71	30	1000	4444	5403	11142	11
12	BURAS, TRINITY	0	0	0					12
13	BUSH	0	0	0					13
14	CARROLLTON	0	0	0	0	5936	1822	0	14
15	CENTENARY	0	0	0					15
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT	0	0	0					16
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	15	15	0	0	0	950	0	17
18	CORNERSTONE	0	0	0	1077	1077	13099	19129	18
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	0	0	0	455	64197	12362	17880	19
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	0	0	0	0	143463	14006	17880	20
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	0	0	0	0	146947	14599	15900	21
22	FIRST STREET P W	0	0	0	0	3820	18419	0	22
23	FISHER	0	0	0					23
24	FITZGERALD	0	0	0					24
25	GRETNA	216	171	59	154	614992	13033	17880	25
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	0	30	0	0	300	663	0	26
27	HARTZELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	5180	12407	17880	28
29	HAVEN TRINITY	0	0	0	0	0	5097	1176	29
30	HAYES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	1822	1890	2798	30
31	KOREAN	0	0	0					31
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON	0	0	0					32
33	LAKE VISTA	0	0	0					33
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	4407	2600	3874	34
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	20	20	25	0	1257	0	0	35
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST	0	0	0					36
37	METAIRIE	0	0	0					37
38	MT. HERMON	0	0	0					38
39	MUNHOLLAND	0	0	0					39
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	0	0	0	0	2384	7400	11026	40
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	49080	9016	13679	41
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	50	1858	11665	0	42
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	10	10	10	4061	128657	12090	17880	43
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	0	0	0	0	15837	2175	4724	44
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	0	0	0	0	3368	2709	3920	45
46	NEWELL	0	0	0					46
47	NORTH CROSS	0	0	0					47
48	PEARL RIVER	0	0	0					48
49	PEOPLES	0	0	0	0	18296	9888	0	49
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	316	0	0	50
51	RAYNE	0	0	0	0	1616191	14431	17880	51
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	0	0	0	2821	260514	0	0	52
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	0	227	97	0	5107	10760	17880	53
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.	0	0	0					54
55	SUN	0	0	0					55
56	THIRKIELD	0	0	0	0	5308	1189	0	56
57	THOMAS	10	50	0	0	7707	6682	0	57
58	VARNADO	0	0	0					58
59	WALDHEIM	0	0	0					59
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	0	0	0	0	970	3456	0	60
61	WINAN	0	0	0	500	66260	4785	864	61
	TOTALS	337	669	221	18357	4051001	253643	266383	

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.
New Orleans		Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers
Line # From Statistical Tables		41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42.	43	44	45
1	ALDERSGATE	64006	0	0	25000	0	0	25000	2764	0	188508
2	ALGIERS	20700	0	0	3720	0	0	3720	1233	0	17131
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	17029	0	0	1402	0	0	1402	0	0	3900
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	17856	0	0	1402	0	0	1402	0	0	13998
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	24092	0	0	3419	0	0	3419	600	0	12182
6	AURORA	33629	0	0	4224	0	0	4224	1108	0	27532
7	BELLE CHASSE	20700	0	0	3232	0	0	3232	3077	0	18134
8	BETHANY	23469	0	0	9998	0	0	9998	1000	0	2175
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	8100	0	0	0	0	0	0	508	0	54466
10	BOYNTON	10000	0	0	9000	0	0	9000	0	0	24600
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	22287	0	0	11520	0	0	11520	1666	0	20238
12	BURAS, TRINITY										
13	BUSH										
14	CARROLLTON	12077	0	0	7800	0	0	7800	0	0	79051
15	CENTENARY										
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT										
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	10564	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0
18	CORNERSTONE	49159	0	0	12665	0	0	12665	400	0	47966
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	42600	0	0	32300	0	0	32300	1000	0	46544
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	65046	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	8189	0	107122
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	76469	0	0	33000	0	0	33000	8182	0	253347
22	FIRST STREET P W	18000	0	0	18000	0	0	18000	3000	0	20907
23	FISHER										
24	FITZGERALD										
25	GRETNA	67950	0	0	8400	0	0	8400	4289	0	55066
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	5403	0	0	1234	0	0	1234	610	0	4900
27	HARTZELL	12000	0	0	6300	0	0	6300	500	0	0
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	55794	0	0	8000	0	0	8000	5840	0	53700
29	HAVEN TRINITY	38761	0	0	5806	0	0	5806	0	0	1500
30	HAYES CHAPEL	10700	0	0	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	5600
31	KOREAN										
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON										
33	LAKE VISTA										
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	10145	0	0	6250	0	0	6250	996	0	16408
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	12960	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7365
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST										
37	METAIRIE										
38	MT. HERMON										
39	MUNHOLLAND										
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	33459	0	0	20376	0	0	20376	1397	0	43934
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	31613	0	0	24734	0	0	24734	5250	0	59149
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	17100	0	0	8996	0	0	8996	3800	0	24144
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	50547	0	0	28000	0	0	28000	4500	0	49588
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	23110	2000	0	10040	0	0	10040	1990	0	15053
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	12619	0	0	4560	0	0	4560	2550	0	6458
46	NEWELL										
47	NORTH CROSS										
48	PEARL RIVER										
49	PEOPLES	12508	0	0	7910	0	0	7910	1644	0	5584
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	3600	2400	0	0	0	0	0	648	0	7550
51	RAYNE	90780	0	0	11397	0	0	11397	5309	0	300342
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	60000	0	0	30000	0	0	30000	156	0	199920
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	44000	8400	0	4500	0	0	4500	217	0	74002
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.										
55	SUN										
56	THIRKIELD	9494	0	0	2500	0	0	2500	2260	0	31198
57	THOMAS	33563	0	0	14201	0	0	14201	1652	0	12276
58	VARNADO										
59	WALDHEIM										
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	14823	0	0	9000	0	0	9000	0	0	10775
61	WINAN	23244	0	0	1752	0	0	1752	0	0	3750
	TOTALS	1209956	12800	0	398838	0	0	398838	76835	0	1926063

		Local Church Expenditures								Operating Income				
	New Orleans	Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid On Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number Of Giving Units	Received Through Pledges	Received Through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received Through Unidentified Givers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.	
1	ALDERSGATE	48374	153348	482000	53035	206383	0	71478	1332363	189	421315	86336	2233	1
2	ALGIERS	1924	29117	73825	20763	49880	0	6920	156549	57	0	76844	822	2
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	1100	6730	30161	5715	12445	0	9207	66863	35	0	8371	58010	3
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	5619	24876	63751	17145	42021	0	13024	110744	50	0	98453	1115	4
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	2153	21469	63915	15896	37365	41338	0	146192	75	14105	120475	11543	5
6	AURORA	2659	38303	107455	42564	80867	0	8402	340838	44	149708	1345	344	6
7	BELLE CHASSE	1800	19774	66717	25023	44797	0	55628	175875	38	0	111139	4761	7
8	BETHANY	650	40643	77935	10171	50814	9600	22281	123877	61	0	156732	2834	8
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	2127	73271	138472	24452	97723	0	89509	284650	41	118301	12917	2677	9
10	BOYNTON	25438	7948	76986	19642	27590	0	318	109521	65	88545	1725	585	10
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	8733	19583	84027	16226	35809	0	20557	150953	53	60450	49354	1642	11
12	BURAS, TRINITY													12
13	BUSH													13
14	CARROLLTON	266	35489	134683	44616	80105	0	65136	264512	40	149600	34170	3666	14
15	CENTENARY													15
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT													16
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	250	2250	13564	3252	5502	0	0	19240	23	18087	0	0	17
18	CORNERSTONE	7159	67443	184792	57356	124799	0	0	276530	170	75652	146466	3352	18
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	1449	20997	144890	7719	28716	15864	45527	321740	99	29295	148961	4618	19
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	25631	66837	280025	0	66837	0	450460	929544	84	276210	98420	9387	20
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	38524	85899	495421	32647	118546	3415	41437	786609	180	295103	207525	6128	21
22	FIRST STREET P W	4264	39267	103438	31628	70895	23316	25693	216797	65	0	92861	1770	22
23	FISHER													23
24	FITZGERALD													24
25	GRETNA	6042	75569	217316	103228	178797	7692	56030	1061062	116	313329	8387	10343	25
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	1436	5000	18583	3378	8378	0	2769	27849	16	20473	0	5851	26
27	HARTZELL	1508	8143	28451	4158	12301	0	0	32609	25	0	30507	0	27
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	26338	68476	218148	48670	117146	0	148999	471650	200	234866	82514	7620	28
29	HAVEN TRINITY	1335	17112	64514	23316	40428	0	0	101018	25	0	58251	912	29
30	HAYES CHAPEL	663	5533	23496	3561	9094	0	0	36162	18	0	20167	3052	30
31	KOREAN													31
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON													32
33	LAKE VISTA													33
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	1066	15652	50517	16936	32588	0	304838	383172	21	51645	1525	922	34
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	116	4886	25327	8087	12973	0	0	37817	15	0	24898	2083	35
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST													36
37	METAIRIE													37
38	MT. HERMON													38
39	MUNHOLLAND													39
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	2524	17570	119260	44260	61830	0	670150	871486	36	93227	22295	2608	40
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	43125	40041	203912	13573	53614	0	8735	317458	172	0	318728	7790	41
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	1746	39221	95007	67800	107021	29456	27166	243635	73	0	133860	0	42
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	2630	26918	162183	51112	78030	4500	236267	635687	44	152610	8100	8787	43
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	6652	26911	85756	2113	29024	0	8175	125349	43	0	88795	4262	44
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	0	6473	32660	14066	20539	0	31407	92359	20	82303	0	0	45
46	NEWELL													46
47	NORTH CROSS													47
48	PEARL RIVER													48
49	PEOPLES	1389	8832	37867	8832	17664	0	71255	151081	48	65215	0	1509	49
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	990	11192	26380	15981	27173	2400	3988	51514	17	20094	3900	397	50
51	RAYNE	166616	301566	876010	212509	514075	0	382987	3248141	287	476380	359070	20003	51
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	86685	214005	590766	123491	337496	34500	126725	1194146	84	348616	195647	40567	52
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	23129	95351	249599	91547	186898	0	296387	692024	142	160717	83755	5364	53
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.													54
55	SUN													55
56	THIRKIELD	3995	12732	62179	8637	21369	0	27444	109317	25	0	70686	6738	56
57	THOMAS	18333	12151	92176	8661	20812	14770	0	138645	93	74570	8665	6525	57
58	VARNADO													58
59	WALDHEIM													59
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	3218	10252	48068	17408	27660	0	12200	89217	41	40353	0	0	60
61	WINAN	3147	6456	38349	9507	15963	0	3454	128436	24	0	70549	8950	61
	TOTALS	580803	1783286	5988581	1328681	3111967	186851	3344553	16053231	2954	3830769	3042393	259770	

		Operating Income Cont.					Non-Operating Income					
	New Orleans	Received Through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received Through Sale of Assets	Received Through Fees, Rents, Contributions	Received Through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received Through Capital Campaigns	Received Through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received Through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays Advance Specials, etc	Total Received For Designated Funds/Projects	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d	53	
1	ALDERSGATE	10008	0	31050	2016	552958	0	0	669722	0	669722	1
2	ALGIERS	748	0	10528	33499	122441	6606	50	0	3455	10111	2
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	3349	0	0	0	69730	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	15	0	0	0	99583	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	0	0	950	0	147073	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	AURORA	3438	0	86679	92032	333546	0	0	9569	0	9569	6
7	BELLE CHASSE	1418	0	20950	0	138268	0	225	0	2276	2501	7
8	BETHANY	111	35	7550	0	167262	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	0	0	3200	29347	166442	603	0	6867	17378	24848	9
10	BOYNTON	12	0	12600	2861	106328	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	2705	0	0	28633	142784	0	0	0	174	174	11
12	BURAS, TRINITY											12
13	BUSH											13
14	CARROLLTON	3147	0	47639	0	238222	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	CENTENARY											15
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT											16
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	4600	22687	0	0	0	0	0	17
18	CORNERSTONE	0	0	300	8079	233849	0	0	15225	0	15225	18
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	81	0	9728	30342	223025	0	300	58890	0	59190	19
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	26720	0	2075	232464	645276	0	0	0	0	0	20
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	2023	0	222601	44744	778124	7725	850	0	0	8575	21
22	FIRST STREET P W	33	0	99805	13701	208170	0	0	0	0	0	22
23	FISHER											23
24	FITZGERALD											24
25	GRETNA	4166	0	25200	1500	362925	0	70	626788	987	627845	25
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	0	0	0	3920	30244	0	0	0	0	0	26
27	HARTZELL	0	0	0	0	30507	0	0	0	0	0	27
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	3129	0	21575	16444	366148	0	0	130000	3644	133644	28
29	HAVEN TRINITY	25900	0	0	375	85438	0	0	0	0	0	29
30	HAYES CHAPEL	0	0	0	16260	39479	0	0	0	0	0	30
31	KOREAN											31
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON											32
33	LAKE VISTA											33
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	285	650	17156	37	72220	0	0	530815	0	530815	34
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	26981	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST											36
37	METAIRIE											37
38	MT. HERMON											38
39	MUNHOLLAND											39
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	74700	0	2929	1057	196816	0	0	0	0	0	40
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	8188	0	300	20792	355798	0	0	0	0	0	41
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	1321	0	1575	22892	159648	19151	0	0	0	19151	42
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	19456	0	49800	134973	373726	0	0	176021	0	176021	43
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	0	40	2500	0	95597	0	0	0	60	60	44
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	28171	0	0	0	110474	0	2009	16507	0	18516	45
46	NEWELL											46
47	NORTH CROSS											47
48	PEARL RIVER											48
49	PEOPLES	120	0	26400	16007	109251	0	0	5582	0	5582	49
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	183	0	17070	2112	43756	0	0	0	0	0	50
51	RAYNE	73930	0	164356	1266916	2360655	881021	0	0	0	881021	51
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	304747	0	116293	15586	1021456	0	0	0	0	0	52
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	4026	0	1215	20771	275848	0	0	6100	575	6675	53
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.											54
55	SUN											55
56	THIRKIELD	0	0	0	3925	81349	0	0	0	0	0	56
57	THOMAS	0	0	6100	13533	109393	15811	0	0	0	15811	57
58	VARNADO											58
59	WALDHEIM											59
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	52	0	21465	13455	75325	0	0	0	0	0	60
61	WINAN	0	0	0	0	79499	0	0	0	0	0	61
	TOTALS	602182	725	1029589	2092873	10858301	930917	3504	2252086	28549	3215056	

		Non-Operating Income Cont.				
New Orleans		Received Through Equitable Comp	Received Through Other Connectional Sources	Received Through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income
Line # From Statistical Tables		54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55
1	ALDERSGATE	0	0	0	0	1222680
2	ALGIERS	0	0	6050	6050	138602
3	ANGIE, LIVE OAK	0	0	0	0	69730
4	ANGIE, MARY'S CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	99583
5	ANGIE, WESLEY RAY	0	0	0	0	147073
6	AURORA	0	0	0	0	343115
7	BELLE CHASSE	0	0	0	0	140769
8	BETHANY	0	0	0	0	167262
9	BOGALUSA, ESM	0	0	0	0	191290
10	BOYNTON	0	0	11015	11015	117343
11	BROOKS SHAW TEMPLE	0	0	0	0	142958
12	BURAS, TRINITY					
13	BUSH					
14	CARROLLTON	0	0	0	0	238222
15	CENTENARY					
16	CHALMETTE, COVENANT					
17	CONVENT, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	22687
18	CORNERSTONE	0	0	0	0	249074
19	COVINGTON, FIRST	62343	0	0	62343	344558
20	DESTREHAN, ST. CHARLES	0	0	4375	4375	649651
21	FIRST GRACE UMC	0	0	26032	26032	812731
22	FIRST STREET P W	0	0	0	0	208170
23	FISHER					
24	FITZGERALD					
25	GRETNA	0	0	0	0	990770
26	HARRY'S CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	30244
27	HARTZELL	0	0	0	0	30507
28	HARTZELL MT. ZION	0	0	0	0	499792
29	HAVEN TRINITY	0	0	0	0	85438
30	HAYES CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	39479
31	KOREAN					
32	LAHARPE THOMPSON					
33	LAKE VISTA					
34	LAPLACE, FIRST	0	0	0	0	603035
35	LUTCHER CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	26981
36	LUTCHER UNITED METHODIST					
37	METAIRIE					
38	MT. HERMON					
39	MUNHOLLAND					
40	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	0	0	0	0	196816
41	NEW ORLEANS, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	355798
42	NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	178799
43	NEW ORLEANS, ST. LUKES	40000	0	0	40000	589747
44	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MARK'S	0	0	0	0	95657
45	NEW ORLEANS, ST. MATTHEW	0	0	0	0	128990
46	NEWELL					
47	NORTH CROSS					
48	PEARL RIVER					
49	PEOPLES	0	0	2000	2000	116833
50	PHILIPS MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	43756
51	RAYNE	0	0	589030	589030	3830706
52	SLIDELL, FIRST	0	0	0	0	1021456
53	ST. MATTHEW'S	0	0	11666	11666	294189
54	ST. TIMOTHY ON N.S.					
55	SUN					
56	THIRKIELD	0	0	0	0	81349
57	THOMAS	0	0	1500	1500	126704
58	VARNADO					
59	WALDHEIM					
60	WILLIAMS ROSS	0	0	0	0	75325
61	WINAN	0	0	0	0	79499
TOTALS		102343	0	651668	754011	14827368

		Membership and Worship														
	Shreveport	Members at close of 2022	Received through Confirmation	Received by Profession of faith non-Confirmation	Restored	Added by correction	Transferred from a UMC	Transferred from a non-UMC	Removed by Charge Conf	Withdrawn	Removed by Correction	Transferred to another UMC	Transferred to a non-UMC	Removed by Death	Members at close of 2023	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	1	2a	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e.	2f.	3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	4	
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136	0	0	2	46	1
2	ATHENS	0														2
3	BARKSDALE	0														3
4	BENTON	0														4
5	BIENVILLE	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	5
6	BONCHEST	50	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	52	6
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	1155	13	2	0	0	5	3	0	0	177	8	0	16	977	7
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	65	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	64	8
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	777	0	0	0	1	145	2	42	1	0	14	1	10	857	9
10	BRUSHWOOD	157	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	24	0	1	133	0	0	10
11	CASTOR	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	11
12	CHRIST UMC	733	0	0	0	0	3	0	74	12	62	14	36	11	527	12
13	COLQUITT	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	13
14	COTTON VALLEY	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	75	1	0	0	0	14
15	DOYLINE	120	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	119	15
16	ELLERBE ROAD	79	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	82	1	0	16
17	FAIRFIELD	78	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	1	1	81	17
18	GIBSLAND	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	1	0	18
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	30	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	19
20	GILLIAM	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	5	1	99	20
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	711	0	5	0	0	12	0	0	14	2	3	23	8	678	21
22	GREENWOOD	72	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	70	22
23	HAUGHTON	38														23
24	HAYNESVILLE	0														24
25	HEFLIN	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	25
26	HOMER, FIRST	0														26
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL	0														27
28	IDA	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	3	0	28
29	KEITHVILLE	128	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	127	29
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	30
31	LEGACY	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	42	135	0	0	0	31
32	LISBON	68	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	32
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	19	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	33
34	MINDEN, FIRST	648	7	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	6	651	4	0	34
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW	339	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	339	0	0	35
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE	0														36
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	37
38	MOORINGSPOINT	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	89	38
39	MT. MARIAH	0														39
40	NEW LIGHT	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	45	40
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	749	10	1	2	0	36	11	4	1	0	5	5	8	786	41
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	143	42
43	NORTHPOINT	357	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243	0	0	0	114	43
44	OIL CITY	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	44
45	PILGRIM REST	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	36	45
46	PLAIN DEALING	60	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	59	0	0	46
47	RINGGOLD	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	137	47
48	ROUND GROVE	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	63	48
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	1945	2	2	0	0	32	3	51	12	53	13	33	17	1805	49
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	3954	26	12	0	0	14	8	0	17	0	79	3898	20	0	50
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	32	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	35	51
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	425	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	1	171	3	4	4	251	52
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	127	53
54	SIBLEY	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	72	54
55	SPRINGHILL	362	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	360	3	0	55
56	VIVIAN	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	56
57	WHITEHALL	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	8	57
	TOTALS	14913	60	33	9	7	281	39	172	88	1006	288	5865	145	7740	

		Membership & Worship Cont.																	
Shreveport		Asian Members	Black/African Am Members	Hispanic/Latino Members	Native American Members	Pacific Islander Members	White Members	Multiracial Members	Total Membership Ethnicity	Female Members	Male Members	Total Membership Gender	Average Worship Attendance	Average Online Worship	Number Baptized Aged 0-12	Number Baptized Aged 13+	Total Number of Persons Baptized		
Line # From Statistical Tables		5a.	5b.	5c.	5d.	5e.	5f.	5g.	5	6a.	6b.	6	7	7a.	8a.	8b.	8		
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	46	27	19	46	20	0	0	0	0	1	
2	ATHENS																	2	
3	BARKSDALE																	3	
4	BENTON																	4	
5	BIENVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	39	23	16	39	0	0	0	0	0	5	
6	BONCHEST	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	26	26	52	20	0	2	0	0	2	
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	0	0	1	0	0	976	0	977	555	422	977	187	78	5	2	7	7	
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	0	2	0	0	0	62	0	64	47	17	64	33	0	0	0	0	8	
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	0	1	0	0	1	855	0	857	394	463	857	248	293	3	2	5	9	
10	BRUSHWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	10	
11	CASTOR	0	2	0	0	0	65	0	67	53	14	67	25	0	0	0	0	11	
12	CHRIST UMC	1	10	7	0	0	509	0	527	307	220	527	71	5	0	0	0	12	
13	COLQUITT	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	4	3	7	11	0	0	0	0	13	
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
15	DOYLINE	0	0	0	0	119	0	0	119	73	46	119	35	0	0	0	0	15	
16	ELLERBE ROAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	16	
17	FAIRFIELD	0	79	0	0	0	2	0	81	62	19	81	35	0	3	0	3	17	
18	GIBSLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	18	
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	1	1	19	
20	GILLIAM	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	99	49	50	99	50	0	0	0	0	20	
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	2	12	1	0	0	661	2	678	393	285	678	117	87	2	0	2	21	
22	GREENWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	70	66	4	70	11	0	0	0	0	22	
23	HAUGHTON																	23	
24	HAYNESVILLE																	24	
25	HEFLIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	25	
26	HOMER, FIRST																	26	
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL																	27	
28	IDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	28	
29	KEITHVILLE	0	0	1	0	0	126	0	127	71	56	127	33	44	0	1	1	29	
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	8	6	14	5	0	0	1	1	30	
31	LEGACY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
32	LISBON	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	73	56	17	73	37	0	0	0	0	32	
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	14	8	22	15	0	0	0	0	33	
34	MINDEN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	51	0	1	1	34	
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE																	36	
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	76	40	36	76	57	20	0	0	0	37	
38	MOORINGSPO	0	0	0	0	1	88	0	89	53	36	89	23	0	0	1	1	38	
39	MT. MARIAH																	39	
40	NEW LIGHT	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	45	23	22	45	30	0	0	0	0	40	
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	2	20	3	0	1	759	1	786	440	346	786	237	10	5	1	6	41	
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	143	0	143	95	48	143	18	0	0	0	0	42	
43	NORTHPOINT	0	0	1	0	2	111	0	114	57	57	114	75	0	0	0	0	43	
44	OIL CITY	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	19	15	34	7	0	0	0	0	44	
45	PILGRIM REST	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	21	15	36	10	0	0	0	0	45	
46	PLAIN DEALING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	46	
47	RINGGOLD	0	0	0	0	0	137	0	137	74	63	137	12	0	0	0	0	47	
48	ROUND GROVE	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	63	40	23	63	12	5	0	0	0	48	
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	3	5	3	0	0	1792	2	1805	880	925	1805	247	14	4	1	5	49	
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	855	6504	1	6	7	50	
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	25	10	35	23	126	2	3	5	51	
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	0	0	0	0	0	250	1	251	136	115	251	79	12	4	0	4	52	
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	0	125	0	0	0	1	1	127	75	52	127	30	0	0	0	0	53	
54	SIBLEY	0	1	0	0	0	71	0	72	35	37	72	10	18	0	0	0	54	
55	SPRINGHILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	20	0	0	0	55	
56	VIVIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	
57	WHITEHALL	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	4	4	8	6	0	0	0	0	57	
TOTALS		30	501	18	0	124	7060	7	7740	4245	3495	7740	3026	7287	31	20	51		

		Mem. & Wor. Cont		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries											
	Shreveport	# Baptized but not Professing	Other Constituents	Children in Christian Formation Groups	Youth in Christian Formation Groups	Young Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Other Adults in Christian Formation Groups	Total Christian Formation Group Participants	Enrolled in Confirmation	Average Sunday School Attendance	VBS Participants	# SS Classes	Ongoing Small Groups/Classes Other than SS	Short Term Small Groups/classes	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	9	10	11a.	11b.	11c.	11d.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	0	1
2	ATHENS														2
3	BARKSDALE														3
4	BENTON														4
5	BIENVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	BONCHEST	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	32	1	1	0	6
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	315	132	13	7	9	55	84	13	120	48	9	6	2	7
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	4	0	2	0	0	14	16	0	15	0	2	2	1	8
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	60	137	32	26	10	291	359	0	152	109	12	17	3	9
10	BRUSHWOOD	0	5	2	2	1	2	7	0	11	0	1	1	0	10
11	CASTOR	0	11	7	4	1	6	18	4	12	0	3	0	1	11
12	CHRIST UMC	46	219	0	1	0	36	37	0	35	0	3	0	1	12
13	COLQUITT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	DOYLINE	27	13	3	3	2	10	18	0	10	15	3	0	0	15
16	ELLERBE ROAD	29	15	0	0	0	38	38	0	8	0	1	1	0	16
17	FAIRFIELD	0	2	6	1	1	4	12	12	13	0	2	1	0	17
18	GIBSLAND	0	2	0	0	0	9	9	0	6	0	1	1	0	18
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
20	GILLIAM	0	0	3	10	2	20	35	0	34	0	5	0	0	20
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	73	65	33	15	3	61	112	0	63	16	7	5	5	21
22	GREENWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
23	HAUGHTON														23
24	HAYNESVILLE														24
25	HEFLIN	0	29	0	3	0	14	17	0	13	0	2	0	0	25
26	HOMER, FIRST														26
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL														27
28	IDA	0	3	5	0	0	5	10	0	5	12	1	1	0	28
29	KEITHVILLE	8	42	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	2	3	29
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	30
31	LEGACY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
32	LISBON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	1	2	0	32
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	33
34	MINDEN, FIRST	75	45	65	34	12	70	181	181	7	0	7	7	2	34
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE														36
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	70	3	1	0	37
38	MOORINGSPOUR	1	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	9	0	0	8	0	38
39	MT. MARIAH														39
40	NEW LIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	2	0	40
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	110	130	34	51	20	203	308	7	151	155	14	4	11	41
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	1	0	0	42
43	NORTHPOINT	0	102	15	11	5	17	48	0	55	50	5	10	5	43
44	OIL CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
45	PILGRIM REST	0	0	0	1	0	9	10	0	10	0	2	0	0	45
46	PLAIN DEALING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	46
47	RINGGOLD	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	7	0	1	1	0	47
48	ROUND GROVE	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	48
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	0	135	105	98	25	260	488	7	188	85	16	15	7	49
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	442	682	113	58	15	221	407	29	321	0	31	60	34	50
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	2	5	0	1	1	23	25	0	25	0	1	4	2	51
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	20	10	9	5	4	50	68	0	35	5	4	15	10	52
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	16	25	0	5	2	15	22	0	12	0	1	3	4	53
54	SIBLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	54
55	SPRINGHILL	22	35	14	17	6	36	73	3	33	0	8	4	2	55
56	VIVIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
57	WHITEHALL	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	57
	TOTALS	1252	1848	461	354	120	1504	2439	256	1470	597	153	175	93	

		Christian Formation & Outreach Ministries Cont.										
Shreveport		Membership UMM	Amount Paid By UMM for Projects	Membership UMW	Amount Paid By UMW for Projects	Number Of VIM Teams Sent	Number Of VIM Participants	Total Number of Ministries for Outreach, Justice & Mercy	Number Of Ministries focused On Global/Regional Health	Number Of Ministries focused On Poor/Marginalized	Number Of Persons serving in Mission/Community Ministries	Number Of Persons served by Justice & Mercy Ministries
Line # From Statistical Tables		18a.	18b.	19a.	19b.	20a.	20b.	21	21a.	21b.	22	23
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	12	60
2	ATHENS											
3	BARKSDALE											
4	BENTON											
5	BIENVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	BONCHEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	17	401
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	16	385
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	25	1988	55	2700	0	0	84	17	23	338	3295
10	BRUSHWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	4	18	595
11	CASTOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	803
12	CHRIST UMC	0	0	30	1710	0	0	7	0	3	56	3068
13	COLQUITT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	DOYLINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	20	170
16	ELLERBE ROAD	17	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	7	40	405
17	FAIRFIELD	19	350	12	325	0	0	1	0	0	16	11
18	GIBSLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	8	50
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	0	0	10	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	GILLIAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	3	0	9
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	1	4	174	2033
22	GREENWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	HAUGHTON											
24	HAYNESVILLE											
25	HEFLIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	HOMER, FIRST											
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL											
28	IDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	15
29	KEITHVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	8	36	175
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	5	40
31	LEGACY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	LISBON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	MINDEN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE											
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
38	MOORINGSPOINT	0	0	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
39	MT. MARIAH											
40	NEW LIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	0	0	50	1125	0	0	10	0	10	182	4283
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	0	0	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	980
43	NORTHPOINT	0	0	6	0	0	0	5	0	1	15	1500
44	OIL CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	PILGRIM REST	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	75
46	PLAIN DEALING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	RINGGOLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	2	155
48	ROUND GROVE	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	0	0	40	1850	2	20	15	0	22	142	3300
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	0	0	188	0	1	12	47	6	47	626	100000
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	3	0	17	0	0	0	4	2	1	7	300
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	5	57	500
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	26	1126	24	1334	0	0	5	4	5	35	478
54	SIBLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
55	SPRINGHILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	7	116	367
56	VIVIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	WHITEHALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		92	3464	454	9544	3	37	277	43	164	1972	123463

		Property & Assests				Apportionments			
	Shreveport	Market Value of Land, Buildings, Vehicles & Equipment	Market Value of Financial & Liquid Assets	Debt Secured by Physical Assets	Other Debt	Amount Apportioned By Conference	Amount Apportioned By District	Amount Paid on Conference Apportionments	Amount Paid on District Apportionments
	Line # From Statistical Tables	24	25	26	27	28a.	28b.	29a	29b.
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	4825000	573285	0	0	5807	0	5807	0
2	ATHENS					4999	0	4999	0
3	BARKSDALE					7645	0	7645	0
4	BENTON					41136	0	41136	0
5	BIENVILLE	80000	17010	0	0	1604	0	0	0
6	BONCHEST	160000	0	0	0	1386	0	1386	0
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	5179374	613255	1080411	0	70511	0	70511	0
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	1528000	244802	0	0	12301	0	12301	0
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	10141000	953625	191077	0	96767	0	96767	0
10	BRUSHWOOD	1219392	200104	0	0	9867	0	9867	0
11	CASTOR	200000	314075	0	0	2474	0	2474	0
12	CHRIST UMC	2250145	1081669	0	0	45374	0	14269	0
13	COLQUITT					528	0	528	0
14	COTTON VALLEY	443000	7770	0	0	1278	0	1078	0
15	DOYLINE	1196400	45748	0	0	4424	0	4424	0
16	ELLERBE ROAD	498377	123974	0	0	9029	0	9029	0
17	FAIRFIELD	1617000	20724	0	0	4770	0	4770	0
18	GIBSLAND	1030871	41708	0	0	2614	0	2614	0
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	256000	223993	0	0	2170	0	2170	0
20	GILLIAM	500000	315071	0	0	6003	0	6003	0
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	6762700	491073	49583	0	65829	0	65829	0
22	GREENWOOD	1748479	101731	0	0	4658	0	4658	0
23	HAUGHTON					4565	0	4565	0
24	HAYNESVILLE					8663	0	8663	0
25	HEFLIN	951345	165383	0	0	2283	0	2283	0
26	HOMER, FIRST					17639	0	17639	0
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL					6591	0	6591	0
28	IDA	547200	128662	0	0	2489	0	2489	0
29	KEITHVILLE	815000	179438	0	0	7141	0	7141	0
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	425000	7782	0	0	1529	0	1529	0
31	LEGACY	1016900	2994	0	0	10820	0	10820	0
32	LISBON	798000	172814	0	0	2938	0	2938	0
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	99000	1296	0	0	1697	0	1697	0
34	MINDEN, FIRST	10744000	514124	0	0	62553	0	62553	0
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW					17998	0	17998	0
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE					6604	0	6604	0
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	971190	52197	0	0	4801	0	4801	0
38	MOORINGSPORT	440000	16124	0	0	3914	0	3914	0
39	MT. MARIAH					3449	0	3449	0
40	NEW LIGHT	150000	0	0	0	2185	0	2185	0
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	17253400	7670135	0	0	111518	0	111518	0
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	2335000	30156	0	0	7840	0	7840	0
43	NORTHPOINT	2161748	96514	435452	0	10748	0	10748	0
44	OIL CITY	140000	27586	0	0	1249	0	1249	0
45	PILGRIM REST	169871	10073	0	0	1345	0	1345	0
46	PLAIN DEALING	97000	138995	0	0	4133	0	4133	0
47	RINGGOLD	2255600	1304781	0	0	7773	0	7773	0
48	ROUND GROVE	420000	41424	0	0	3162	0	3162	0
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	10691213	1136744	0	0	109305	0	79495	0
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	72440750	37101325	0	0	270257	0	270257	0
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	0	205987	0	0	6814	0	6814	0
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	2375979	436879	0	0	24863	0	24863	0
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	810000	50256	0	0	11476	0	11576	0
54	SIBLEY	750000	105104	0	0	3359	0	3359	0
55	SPRINGHILL	4242000	214787	0	0	21083	0	21083	0
56	VIVIAN					10852	0	10852	0
57	WHITEHALL	286000	57653	0	0	1668	0	1668	0
	TOTALS	173021934	55238830	1756523	0	1176478	0	1113859	0

		Benevolences								
	Shreveport	Paid on General Advance Specials	Paid on World Service Specials	Paid on Annual Conference Advance Specials	Paid on Youth Service Fund	Paid on Other Connectional Mission & Ministry	Paid on Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Human Relations Sunday	UMCOR Sunday	Peace With Justice Sunday
	Line # From Statistical Tables	30	31	32	33	34	35	36a.	36b.	36c.
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	ATHENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	BARKSDALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	BENTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	BIENVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	BONCHEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6000	0
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	480	0	0	110	0
10	BRUSHWOOD	0	0	19734	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	CASTOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	CHRIST UMC	221	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	25
13	COLQUITT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	DOYLINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	ELLERBE ROAD	0	0	18058	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	FAIRFIELD	10	0	10	10	20	10	21	10	30
18	GIBSLAND	0	0	5228	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	0	0	4340	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	GILLIAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	0	0	5486	0	303	0	0	0	0
22	GREENWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	HAUGHTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	HAYNESVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	HEFLIN	0	0	4566	0	0	0	36	0	0
26	HOMER, FIRST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	IDA	0	0	5185	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	KEITHVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	0
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	30
31	LEGACY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	LISBON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	MINDEN, FIRST	0	0	125106	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW	0	0	35996	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	MOORINGSPOINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	MT. MARIAH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	NEW LIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	624	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	NORTHPOINT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	OIL CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	PILGRIM REST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	PLAIN DEALING	0	0	8266	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	RINGGOLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	ROUND GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	0	0	1406	0	725	0	50	275	30
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	1000	0	540514	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	50	0	30	50	62	25
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	0	0	0	0	276	0	0	0	0
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
54	SIBLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	SPRINGHILL	0	0	43923	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	VIVIAN	0	0	21704	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	WHITEHALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	1855	0	839522	60	1804	40	243	6646	140

		Benevolences Cont.					Clergy Support		
Shreveport		Native American Sunday	World Communion Sunday	UM Student Day Sunday	Paid Directly to UM Causes	Paid Directly to Non-UM Charitable Causes	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Pensions	Paid For Direct Billed Clergy Health Benefits	
Line # From Statistical Tables		36d.	36e.	36f.	37	38	39	40	
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	1
2	ATHENS	0	0	0					2
3	BARKSDALE	0	0	0					3
4	BENTON	0	0	0					4
5	BIENVILLE	0	0	0	0	8247	0	0	5
6	BONCHEST	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	6
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	12019	18553	26820	7
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	0	0	0	0				8
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	5598	25285	35760	9
10	BRUSHWOOD	0	0	0	0	4893	0	0	10
11	CASTOR	0	0	0	0	1772	0	0	11
12	CHRIST UMC	105	25	0	817	39427	14673	17880	12
13	COLQUITT	0	0	0					13
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	DOYLINE	0	0	0	0	453	110	0	15
16	ELLERBE ROAD	0	0	0	300	947	2753	0	16
17	FAIRFIELD	38	10	10	0	3272	0	0	17
18	GIBSLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	0	0	0	0	780	0	0	19
20	GILLIAM	0	311	0	0	9666	4874	7057	20
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	0	0	0	5034	23691	4665	0	21
22	GREENWOOD	0	0	0	0	1000	2106	0	22
23	HAUGHTON	0	0	0					23
24	HAYNESVILLE	0	0	0					24
25	HEFLIN	40	0	88	0	133	0	0	25
26	HOMER, FIRST	0	0	0					26
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL	0	0	0					27
28	IDA	0	0	0	0	1112	0	0	28
29	KEITHVILLE	0	0	0	179	4024	165	0	29
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	30	44	0	0	443	1388	0	30
31	LEGACY	0	0	0	0	0	12800	4800	31
32	LISBON	0	0	0	0	1089	0	0	32
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
34	MINDEN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	3267	0	0	34
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW	0	0	0					35
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE	0	0	0					36
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	800	11974	3623	0	37
38	MOORINGSPORT	0	0	0	0	0	4689	0	38
39	MT. MARIAH	0	0	0					39
40	NEW LIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	0	0	0	1183	1425610	22751	50456	41
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	4470	42
43	NORTHPOINT	0	190	0	0	4098	7476	10823	43
44	OIL CITY	0	0	0	0	0	1673	0	44
45	PILGRIM REST	0	0	0	100	864	0	0	45
46	PLAIN DEALING	0	0	0	0	430	0	0	46
47	RINGGOLD	0	0	0	11487	13177	0	13410	47
48	ROUND GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	1430	0	48
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	80	205	50	50	509348	25874	35760	49
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	0	0	0	1000	1112231	22982	37250	50
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	45	150	185	150	3164	5568	8764	51
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	0	0	0	1000	10748	12316	17880	52
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	0	10	0	300	7988	0	0	53
54	SIBLEY	0	0	0	0	2944	925	0	54
55	SPRINGHILL	0	0	0	0	0	4387	7449	55
56	VIVIAN	0	0	0					56
57	WHITEHALL	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	57
TOTALS		338	945	333	22400	3224550	201153	278579	

		Clergy Support Cont.									Church Expen.	
Shreveport		Sr. Pastor Base Compensation	Associate Pastor(s) Base Compensation	Deacon Serving Local Church Base Compensation	Sr. Pastor Housing Benefits	Associate(s) Pastor/Pastoral Staff Housing Benefits	Deacon Serving Local Church Housing Benefits	Total Housing for Comparison to Prior Year	Accountable Reimbursements for All Pastors	Other Cash Allowances for All Pastors	Salary & Benefits for All Other Staff & Diaconal Ministers	
Line # From Statistical Tables		41a.	41b.	41c.	42a.	42b.	42c.	42.	43	44	45	
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	25400	0	0	14600	0	0	14600	0	0	1225	1
2	ATHENS											2
3	BARKSDALE											3
4	BENTON											4
5	BIENVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3570	5
6	BONCHEST	9900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	87696	22867	0	35085	0	0	35085	8900	0	300311	7
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP							0				8
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	90000	43990	0	9000	7200	0	16200	5601	0	385140	9
10	BRUSHWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4357	10
11	CASTOR	5093	0	0	13780	0	0	13780	0	0	4700	11
12	CHRIST UMC	89808	4780	0	8019	0	0	8019	7341	0	127385	12
13	COLQUITT											13
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	DOYLINE	13080	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8450	15
16	ELLERBE ROAD	13875	0	0	3333	0	0	3333	0	0	11855	16
17	FAIRFIELD	10400	0	0	0	0	0	0	1024	0	20145	17
18	GIBSLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6480	18
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5000	19
20	GILLIAM	23560	0	0	10900	0	0	10900	3053	0	10510	20
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	18430	7725	0	25000	15000	0	40000	2532	0	191307	21
22	GREENWOOD	2406	0	0	18954	0	0	18954	0	0	2722	22
23	HAUGHTON											23
24	HAYNESVILLE											24
25	HEFLIN	5953	0	0	1667	0	0	1667	0	0	680	25
26	HOMER, FIRST											26
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL											27
28	IDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5550	28
29	KEITHVILLE	8207	0	0	12800	0	0	12800	2410	0	5755	29
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	8394	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	30
31	LEGACY	23532	0	0	17600	0	0	17600	0	0	0	31
32	LISBON	19800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6100	32
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	10800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2100	33
34	MINDEN, FIRST	18437	0	0	0	0	0	0	6563	0	86848	34
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW											35
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE											36
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	10150	0	0	14000	0	0	14000	0	0	0	37
38	MOORINGSPORT	16245	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	0	0	0	38
39	MT. MARIAH											39
40	NEW LIGHT	13500	0	0	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	3000	40
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	77701	35842	300	40700	15000	12000	67700	10280	0	556432	41
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	18500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28264	42
43	NORTHPOINT	36199	0	0	14500	0	0	14500	3600	0	82836	43
44	OIL CITY	8367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
45	PILGRIM REST	5900	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	2875	45
46	PLAIN DEALING	7683	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	46
47	RINGGOLD	13748	0	0	10852	0	0	10852	0	0	13240	47
48	ROUND GROVE	14430	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	11300	48
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	86425	57341	0	37200	12550	0	49750	7605	0	505969	49
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	59733	68308	19167	27500	31456	8750	67706	6675	0	595402	50
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	22200	0	0	12600	0	0	12600	1011	0	11815	51
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	56030	0	0	7200	0	0	7200	344	0	101986	52
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	24000	0	0	15099	0	0	15099	2335	0	30430	53
54	SIBLEY	9504	0	0	0	0	0	0	757	0	3220	54
55	SPRINGHILL	21340	0	0	6582	0	0	6582	2974	0	38871	55
56	VIVIAN											56
57	WHITEHALL	9633	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2800	57
TOTALS		996059	240853	19467	365171	81206	20750	467127	73586	0	3179530	

		Local Church Expenditures								Operating Income				
	Shreveport	Program Expenses	Total Spent for Other Current Operating Expenses	Total of lines used in Apportionment Formula	Total Paid for Property Insurance Premiums	Other Local Church Operating Expenses	Paid On Principal & Interest on Debts	Paid On Capital Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Number Of Giving Units	Received Through Pledges	Received Through Non-Pledged Identified Givers	Received Through Unidentified Givers	
	Line # From Statistical Tables	46	47a.	47t.	47b.	47	48	49	50	51	52a.	52b.	52c.	
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	6214	21123	68562	13381	34504	0	24253	112043	20	69935	0	624	1
2	ATHENS													2
3	BARKSDALE													3
4	BENTON													4
5	BIENVILLE	2280	8063	13913	2020	10083	0	0	24180	15	0	36987	10651	5
6	BONCHEST	636	1571	12107	1198	2769	0	0	14792	15	0	14600	2147	6
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	33835	173965	662659	39067	213032	0	0	835629	291	490743	174179	10168	7
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP			0		0	0			65	123868	31991	456	8
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	143630	209458	894019	28338	237796	24000	110397	1220754	350	846458	161463	21815	9
10	BRUSHWOOD	41143	5649	51149	8983	14632	0	0	94626	23	0	25100	2116	10
11	CASTOR	76	5714	29363	4773	10487	0	16465	54847	36	0	97249	4869	11
12	CHRIST UMC	21291	121948	380572	23941	145889	0	0	492011	120	178141	94691	2536	12
13	COLQUITT									5	0	7047		13
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	1301	1301	0	1301	0	0	2379	7	0	1000	0	14
15	DOYLINE	539	10578	32647	10566	21144	0	0	48200	40	0	51736	6989	15
16	ELLERBE ROAD	735	6460	36258	3396	9856	0	669	71410	28	27317	7090	2797	16
17	FAIRFIELD	5178	19849	56596	10152	30001	0	1443	76412	28	45541	0	2696	17
18	GIBSLAND	0	3907	10387	0	3907	0	35	18264	10	0	8320	1097	18
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	119	2594	7713	1414	4008	0	0	16417	10	0	11577	917	19
20	GILLIAM	809	10403	59235	8755	19158	0	7326	103227	23	0	84276	6722	20
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	8002	117587	385583	36152	153739	42252	119511	688506	156	305710	135599	9884	21
22	GREENWOOD	212	10228	34522	7927	18155	0	7602	57815	21	0	73478	6922	22
23	HAUGHTON													23
24	HAYNESVILLE													24
25	HEFLIN	0	2957	11257	1229	4186	0	2182	21814	20	0	18015	1813	25
26	HOMER, FIRST													26
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL													27
28	IDA	1051	16224	22825	5774	21998	0	0	37385	19	0	24288	0	28
29	KEITHVILLE	3136	15323	47631	6662	21985	0	3285	69266	128	0	84656	3838	29
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	514	1753	11361	2751	4504	0	5888	23494	11	0	20979	537	30
31	LEGACY	0	0	41132	0	0	0	0	69552					31
32	LISBON	3767	9865	39532	4581	14446	0	6257	54397	37	0	52585	0	32
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	1450	14350	1100	2550	0	0	17147	10	14829	0	1722	33
34	MINDEN, FIRST	15380	79723	206951	45120	124843	0	5910	448907	155	343351	7544	5596	34
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW													35
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE													36
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	6509	9976	40635	7164	17140	0	6625	75622	50	0	77157	4850	37
38	MOORINGSPOINT	95	7993	31533	15412	23405	0	0	55548	21	0	42394	0	38
39	MT. MARIAH													39
40	NEW LIGHT	1050	880	19430	2146	3026	0	0	23761	13	20650	0	2780	40
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	48130	350072	1146457	60297	410369	0	288776	3107048	640	818037	236897	10138	41
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	15384	34262	96410	15404	49666	0	6184	130932	41	0	69121	200	42
43	NORTHPOINT	5680	32591	175406	12468	45059	38609	60096	319914	57	0	194721	4825	43
44	OIL CITY	0	2608	10975	0	2608	0	0	13897	5	0	15469	0	44
45	PILGRIM REST	354	2381	11591	3574	5955	0	3462	20936	15	0	13604	104	45
46	PLAIN DEALING	553	6338	14774	0	6338	0	0	27603	17	0	0	21215	46
47	RINGGOLD	2752	13758	54350	10364	24122	0	50483	161044	16	0	44325	1103	47
48	ROUND GROVE	0	8200	34430	2929	11129	0	0	41951	12	24087	0	0	48
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	43775	231758	982623	42157	273915	0	136854	1814982	296	802744	246109	19231	49
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	119428	152880	1089299	51910	204790	0	126667	3253110	473	1106748	197885	3605	50
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	8950	15412	71988	1378	16790	0	0	98423	28	0	99078	0	51
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	1588	49068	216216	19010	68078	0	35747	338056	116	169184	50934	5026	52
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	3076	29984	104924	18541	48525	0	11950	155299	94	0	130519	10245	53
54	SIBLEY	653	5149	19283	9845	14994	0	0	36356	9	0	11000	245	54
55	SPRINGHILL	926	26045	96738	10050	36095	0	0	183630	73	78691	27861	1019	55
56	VIVIAN													56
57	WHITEHALL	125	2545	15103	1440	3985	0	21208	39506	7	0	13052	0	57
	TOTALS	547575	1839593	7363790	551369	2390962	104861	1059275	14571092	3626	5466034	2694576	191498	

		Operating Income Cont.					Non-Operating Income					
Shreveport		Received Through Interest, Dividends, Transfers	Received Through Sale of Assets	Received Through Fees, Rents, Contributions	Received Through Fundraisers & Other Sources	Total Received For Operating Budget	Received Through Capital Campaigns	Received Through Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Received Through Other Sources	Received For Special Sundays Advance Specials, etc	Total Received For Designated Funds/Projects	
Line # From Statistical Tables		52d.	52e.	52f.	52g.	52	53a.	53b.	53c.	53d.	53	
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	70559	0	12700	4150	0	16850	1
2	ATHENS											2
3	BARKSDALE											3
4	BENTON											4
5	BIENVILLE	0	0	0	0	47638	0	0	0	0	0	5
6	BONCHEST	0	0	0	0	16747	0	0	0	0	0	6
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	72211	0	63943	32405	843649	9780	3120	0	12105	25005	7
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	0	0	24000	0	180315	0	0	0	70	70	8
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	1063	0	0	0	1030799	0	84277	0	0	84277	9
10	BRUSHWOOD	377	0	0	7087	34680	0	3272	0	356	3628	10
11	CASTOR	4883	0	0	0	107001	0	0	0	0	0	11
12	CHRIST UMC	113000	0	13767	0	402135	0	4619	0	530	5149	12
13	COLQUITT	0	0	0	0	7047	0	0	0	0	0	13
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	0	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	DOYLINE	0	6167	150	0	65042	0	230	0	0	230	15
16	ELLERBE ROAD	133	0	450	14080	51867	0	0	0	1545	1545	16
17	FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	7128	55365	0	0	0	1097	1097	17
18	GIBSLAND	0	0	0	0	9417	0	125	0	0	125	18
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	357	0	0	0	12851	0	0	0	0	0	19
20	GILLIAM	6459	0	0	0	97457	0	710	0	0	710	20
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	0	0	44190	1363	496746	5537	20495	0	0	26032	21
22	GREENWOOD	21	0	14040	0	94461	0	0	0	0	0	22
23	HAUGHTON											23
24	HAYNESVILLE											24
25	HEFLIN	0	0	2000	0	21828	0	2000	0	164	2164	25
26	HOMER, FIRST											26
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL											27
28	IDA	3	0	0	0	24291	0	0	0	0	0	28
29	KEITHVILLE	4116	0	0	0	92610	0	0	14995	0	14995	29
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	0	0	0	0	21516	0	0	0	0	0	30
31	LEGACY											31
32	LISBON	6484	0	0	2710	61779	0	1075	29167	0	30242	32
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	16551	0	0	0	0	0	33
34	MINDEN, FIRST	2382	0	1383	0	360256	0	0	0	0	0	34
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW											35
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE											36
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	82007	0	0	0	0	0	37
38	MOORINGSPORT	0	0	0	0	42394	0	0	0	0	0	38
39	MT. MARIAH											39
40	NEW LIGHT	0	0	0	0	23430	0	0	0	0	0	40
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	187000	0	1822	31294	1285188	0	100606	0	4051	104657	41
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	360	0	665	6331	76677	0	0	0	0	0	42
43	NORTHPOINT	0	0	0	119998	319544	0	0	0	0	0	43
44	OIL CITY	0	0	0	0	15469	0	0	0	0	0	44
45	PILGRIM REST	0	0	0	1823	15531	0	0	0	0	0	45
46	PLAIN DEALING	0	0	0	0	21215	0	0	32	0	32	46
47	RINGGOLD	351	0	435	0	46214	0	600	0	0	600	47
48	ROUND GROVE	0	0	0	0	24087	0	0	0	0	0	48
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	4017	0	8488	392556	1473145	0	25786	89279	590	115655	49
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	3692	0	3096	165908	1480934	0	134370	0	25433	159803	50
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	3403	0	0	10344	112825	0	1000	124595	0	125595	51
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	8914	0	9009	0	243067	0	1340	0	0	1340	52
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	94	0	0	12921	153779	0	855	0	275	1130	53
54	SIBLEY	30000	0	0	0	41245	0	0	0	0	0	54
55	SPRINGHILL	0	0	0	0	107571	0	0	89774	0	89774	55
56	VIVIAN											56
57	WHITEHALL	0	0	0	0	13052	0	0	19409	0	19409	57
TOTALS		449320	6167	187438	805948	9800981	15317	397180	371401	46216	830114	

		Non-Operating Income Cont.					
Shreveport		Received Through Equitable Comp	Received Through Other Connectional Sources	Received Through Institutional Sources	Total Income from Connectional & Institutional Sources	Total Income	
Line # From Statistical Tables		54a.	54b.	54c.	54	55	
1	ARCADIA, FIRST	0	0	0	0	87409	1
2	ATHENS						2
3	BARKSDALE						3
4	BENTON						4
5	BIENVILLE	0	0	0	0	47638	5
6	BONCHEST	0	0	0	0	16747	6
7	BOSSIER CITY, ASBURY	0	0	0	0	868654	7
8	BOSSIER CITY, FELLOWSHIP	0	0	0	0	180385	8
9	BOSSIER CITY, FIRST	0	0	0	0	1115076	9
10	BRUSHWOOD	0	0	0	0	38308	10
11	CASTOR	0	0	0	0	107001	11
12	CHRIST UMC	0	0	0	0	407284	12
13	COLQUITT	0	0	0	0	7047	13
14	COTTON VALLEY	0	0	0	0	1000	14
15	DOYLINE	0	0	0	0	65272	15
16	ELLERBE ROAD	0	0	0	0	53412	16
17	FAIRFIELD	0	0	0	0	56462	17
18	GIBSLAND	0	0	0	0	9542	18
19	GIBSLAND, OAK GROVE	0	0	0	0	12851	19
20	GILLIAM	0	0	0	0	98167	20
21	GRACE COMMUNITY	0	0	293334	293334	816112	21
22	GREENWOOD	0	0	0	0	94461	22
23	HAUGHTON						23
24	HAYNESVILLE						24
25	HEFLIN	0	0	0	0	23992	25
26	HOMER, FIRST						26
27	HOMER, WESLEY CHAPEL						27
28	IDA	0	0	0	0	24291	28
29	KEITHVILLE	0	0	0	0	107605	29
30	KEITHVILLE, FAIRVIEW	0	0	0	0	21516	30
31	LEGACY						31
32	LISBON	0	0	0	0	92021	32
33	MANSFIELD, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	16551	33
34	MINDEN, FIRST	0	0	0	0	360256	34
35	MINDEN, LAKEVIEW						35
36	MINDEN, PINE GROVE						36
37	MINDEN, PLEASANT VALLEY	0	0	0	0	82007	37
38	MOORINGSPOINT	0	0	0	0	42394	38
39	MT. MARIAH						39
40	NEW LIGHT	0	0	0	0	23430	40
41	NOEL MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	1389845	41
42	NORTH HIGHLANDS	0	0	0	0	76677	42
43	NORTHPOINT	0	0	0	0	319544	43
44	OIL CITY	0	0	0	0	15469	44
45	PILGRIM REST	0	0	0	0	15531	45
46	PLAIN DEALING	0	0	0	0	21247	46
47	RINGGOLD	0	0	0	0	46814	47
48	ROUND GROVE	0	0	0	0	24087	48
49	SHREVEPORT, BROADMOOR	0	0	16016	16016	1604816	49
50	SHREVEPORT, FIRST	0	0	0	0	1640737	50
51	SHREVEPORT, ST. JAMES	0	0	0	0	238420	51
52	SHREVEPORT, ST. LUKE'S	0	0	0	0	244407	52
53	SHREVEPORT, ST. PAUL	0	0	11950	11950	166859	53
54	SIBLEY	0	0	0	0	41245	54
55	SPRINGHILL	0	0	0	0	197345	55
56	VIVIAN						56
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